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## On Her Way to Hollywood



File Photo

Frenchelle Davis performs at the Fashion Show in October.

By Jozen Cummings  
Life and Style Editor

When senior fine-arts major Frenchelle "Frenchie" Davis sang Jennifer Holliday's "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," at the auditions for FOX's "American Idol 2," the judges didn't listen to a word she sang. As far as they were concerned, Frenchie was going.

They were sending her to Hollywood.

The 23-year-old aspiring singer wowed Idol 2 judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul, Angie Martinez and Simon Cowell at the New York auditions with her rendition of Holliday's signature tune. Thousands lined up in the blistering conditions in Manhattan, as they waited to showcase their talents to the show's judges, but thousands would dwindle to a select few.

Fortunately, Frenchie would make the cut.

After her performance, the judge's comments were more than encouraging. "Wow, that was incredible!" Jackson said. Paula Abdul was equally impressed, as goose bumps overcame her body, she said.

But it was the words of notoriously evil judge Simon Cowell who made the trip official. "We have been waiting for four days to hear something like that," he said. "I'll see you in Hollywood."

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## Howard Student to Run for ANC

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton and Danielle Scruggs  
Hilltop Staff Writers

A constituent in Ward 1B06, said he is impressed with one particular candidate.

"He took the time to talk to me," said Robert Naiman who resides on 16th Street northwest. "He seems young, idealistic, enthusiastic and concerned about the conditions of the apartment building I live in, which can be problematic at times."

Naiman was speaking of Jarvis Houston, a Howard University Student, who is on the ballot as a candidate for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Ward 1B06.

Houston, who is the Howard University Student Association chief of staff, decided to become a candidate because he said Howard students and the surrounding community needs someone to be their voice in local government.

Houston said he does not see himself politician, but as a public servant.

"Politicians go for votes but I go for results," Houston said.

Houston's campaign is entitled Visible Impact. The platform includes improving education at all levels, building relationships between the community and local schools, making housing in the area affordable and launching a neighborhood improvement initiative.

Houston is the first Howard student to run for this position in six years. Howard University sits

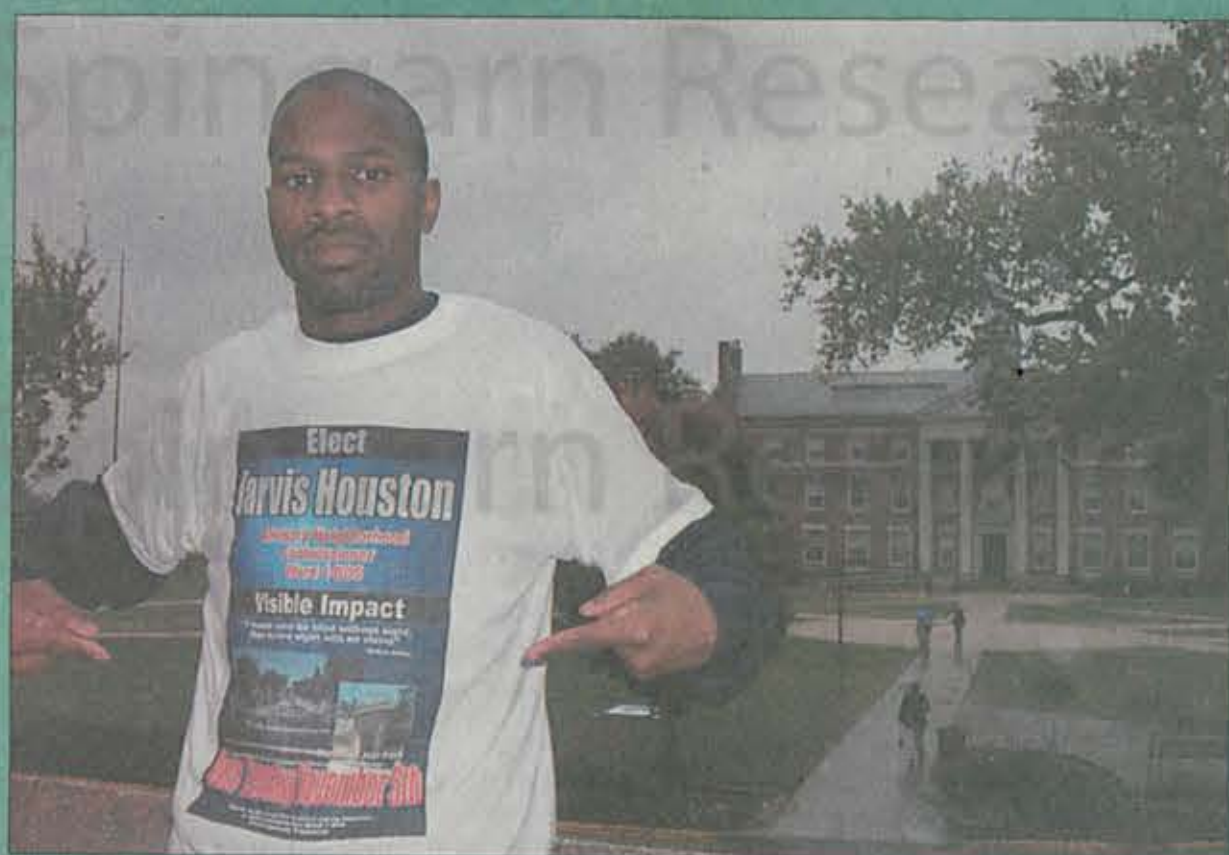


Photo by Chandra Anderson

Jarvis Houston, a Howard University student will run for ANC Commissioner for Ward 1B06. The race is scheduled to take place Tuesday.

in Ward 1.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners are the most local level of elected government officials. Each Commissioner represents about two thousand residents, and is elected to a two-year term in non-partisan contests at the general election in November. Houston, a Chicago native, has had political experience on campus, in the community and on Capitol Hill.

Last year, Houston served as the political action coordinator

for HUSA and campaign manager for the winning Awakening slate led by Cornell Williamson in the HUSA general election in the spring.

A senior political science major, Houston, also served as the campus coordinator for Democracy Matters, an organization that professes dedication to fair elections in America.

Working in the Community is by no means foreign to Houston, he said. He sat on the Advisory Neighborhood

Committee for Ward 1B06 where he addressed issues affecting the Shaw-Howard Community.

"I've been working on campaigns since I was 14 [as a volunteer]," Houston said. "That's when I figured out I wanted to have a direct effect on my community."

In 1998, Houston was a Congressional Intern with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Last year, Houston

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## Student Stabbed Near School of Business

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton  
Campus Editor

Shortly before 3 p.m. Thursday, an unidentified student was stabbed on the handicapped ramp outside the School of Business by a male attacker who later fled the scene.

The victim according to Reginald Smith, chief of campus police, was stabbed in the left side of his abdomen and was rushed to the Howard University Hospital.

At press time the student

was undergoing surgery and his status was unknown.

Robert Little, an eyewitness, said the altercation began in front of Cramton Auditorium.

"Three men were in an argument, punches were thrown then a knife was drawn," Little said.

According to Little's account, the attacker cut the coat of one of the students.

"The guy with the knife ran after the two men, one ran up the steps and another up the

ramp," Little said. "The guy then stabbed the other student."

Little said he rushed over to the scene to break up the fight.

"I tried to stop it before any one got hurt, but it was too late," Little said.

Smith said campus police are canvassing the area.

"We have received some seemingly accurate eyewitness reports and have collected some evidence," Smith said. A student is wanted for questioning in connection with the stabbing.

A junior marketing major

who preferred to remain anonymous saw the alleged stabber fleeing the scene.

"I was coming from Locke Hall when a guy ran pass me, the eyewitness said. "He had blood on his lips."

The witness said the stab victim was light complexioned and had dread-locked hair.

"I am very worried, if someone can get stab in broad daylight on campus, it makes me wonder how safe we are."

Leesa Davis contributed to this story.

## No NWT in Tonight's Verbal Armageddon Finals

By Kellie Carter  
Contributing Writer

In past rounds of Verbal Armageddon, the student-run media conglomerate Nation Wide Takeover (NWT) has been a huge supporter of the event, supplying artists, drawing large crowds and increasing sales. However in tonight's final round, there will not be a single representative from the label.

In Round two of competition, NWT artists "Don Juan" and "Freddie Thumps" were scheduled to battle one another.

er. But instead of engaging in verbal lashings to degrade one another, they allegedly opted to break out in a performance instead.

The performance was received well by the audience, but left the judges with mixed reviews. They announced Freddie Thumps as the winner of that round, only to disqualify him a few days later for having violated Verbal Armageddon rules.

Verbal Armageddon Public Relations Manager Chinelo Ray said the reason the two were disqualified was

because the artists did not battle and the judges had nothing to weigh the lyrical showcase on.

"In the battle round you are judged on how well you are going against your opponent. That's how they are assessed. The judges had no criteria to base them on," Ray said.

Senior CEO and Founder of NWT Robert Ford, does not agree with the way his artists were dismissed from the competition.

"There's no rule that stipulates how you can battle. What 'Freddie Thumps' and 'Don

Juan' did had never been done before. To disqualify them, we think was out of line."

Ford said that after "Freddie Thumps" was disqualified, followed by the firing of the two NWT hosts, it seemed personal.

The competitions officials recruited senior Erica Holley-Martin, and Prentice Burney also known as "Pizo," as hosts. They are both NWT members and were fired from their position for claims of having prior knowledge of the "Freddie

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Photo by Harvey Jenkins

From left, former host Pizzo, former finalist "C", former finalist Freddie Thumps, and Don Juan, discuss moving past Verbal Armageddon as well as their new plans.

## Nursing Students Upset About Standardized Test

By Josef Sawyer  
Campus & Online Editor

Lawyers must pass the bar exam in order to practice, doctors-board exams and nurses the N-CLEX, but Howard nursing students are faced with a mandatory test that may leave them searching for a new major.

In September students in the School of Nursing were asked to sign a contract enabling Educational Resources Incorporated (ERI) to administer

diagnostic tests. ERI provides practice tests for nursing students and schools.

Students were also told that if they fail the November fourth test they would not be able progress in the nursing program.

Junior nursing major and class president Erica Saint-Hilaire says the ERI tests are not uncommon at other universities but students were deceived into signing the contract mandating the test.

"A representative of the ERI

### N-CLEX Passing Rates at Area Schools

Howard	60%
Columbia Union College	100.0%
Coppin State College	85.71%
Johns Hopkins University	93.38%
Salisbury State University	77.36%
Towson State University	79.25%
University of Maryland	86.33%
Villa Julie College	75.00%

Information obtained from  
www.dhnh.state

faculty committee came in during a class break and told us we had to sign a contract and said it

was part of our requirements but

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## A Black Governor in NY?

By Maryann James  
Business Editor

H. Carl McCall has made history as the first black man to be in the running for the governorship in New York.

Democratic Party heavyweights like Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman have stepped up in support of the 66-year-old Democrat minister, but McCall is still struggling to beat the current governor, Republican George Pataki.

McCall was born and raised in a single parent home in the

Roxbury section of Boston. Despite living in near-poverty, McCall became involved in politics early on.

He worked with many liberal Republicans from his church while he was still in high school, including Edward Brooke, who became the first black Senator since Reconstruction.

His knack for generating support across color lines was also evidenced in high school, as he was senior class president at his predominately white high

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## VOICES & VIEWS

*Was your freshman orientation class beneficial to you?*



**Leilah Reese**  
Senior  
TV Production  
Long Island, NY

"Freshman orientation is a waste of valuable sleep time."



**Yves Louis-Jacques**  
Senior  
Information Systems  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

"It was definitely beneficial. It helped me refine my presentation skills and showed me the importance of working in groups."



**Brandon Jolley**  
Senior  
Undecided  
Macon, GA

"Freshman business orientation exposes you to team work and various networking opportunities."



**Samario Anthony**  
Senior  
Philosophie  
Atlanta, GA

"I really didn't learn much about Howard but I met new people and made friends."

Compiled by Harvey Jenkins and Janelle Bellavance

## Student's Question the Purpose of Freshman Orientation



Photo by Destiny Drake

Freshman orientation is a required course for all Howard students. Freshman students Melanie Lyke, Veronica Williams, Tyler Brewster and latoya Goodall sit in their freshman class.

**By Madra McAdoo**  
Contributing Writer

Every Howard student was forced take an orientation class. Upon arrival at Howard University, freshmen in the college of Arts and Sciences struggle through the class, but after four years, students still wonder what was the purpose?

The course is Freshmen Seminar. It is a one-credit hour course and only meets one hour per week. Approximately 15 hours are spent in the class each semester, but students question whether or not it is even worth that much of their time.

"When I found out I had to take a one credit course called freshman seminar, I thought it was designed to help me adjust to college life," said Terrence Gulley, a freshman psychology major. "I have yet to learn anything in the class I haven't learned already. It's actually very pointless," Gulley said.

At the end of the year, students are required to write a paper and memorize the poem, "Strong Men". They will be asked to recite it at their exit interview.

Freshmen seminar requires one book, the Howard Reader. An

Intellectual and Cultural Quilt of the African American Experience. Howard's own Dr. Paul Logan wrote the introduction.

The Howard Reader contains articles, speeches, and excerpts from many prominent African Americans.

Stephanie Simmonds, a freshman political science major, says "We read out of the Howard Reader and then write summaries. Most of the people we read about, we have already learned about in other classes."

Logan, the professor for the class says the course is "to expose some of the major documents of African American life." He says it was designed as a discussion course, but the format might change. Since the freshman classes are becoming larger each year, the class might be held in Cramton Auditorium next year.

According to Logan, the class is also designed to open the door, exposing students to different aspects of the African American community.

Hanan Yehia, a freshman political science major, likes reading about her history but she says after reading the articles in the book, the class doesn't do anything with the information. Yehia feels the

class is a mere waste of time.

"The class does not have the open discussion that it is supposed to have," Yehia said. "The class would be better if the teacher I had was not so busy. He is a graduate student with the attitude of 'I might show up or might not, might teach or might not.'"

On the other hand, Robin Kenred, freshman biology major, likes the course, but feels it should remain a small class.

"It feels good to talk about the articles intelligently," she said. "We learn and discuss a lot about Howard University and you can't do that in a large group."

Alishia Ames, a freshman political science major, thinks the class could be more interesting if professors would stick to discussing the material in the book.

"If the class got more involved, it would be better," she said. "The teacher usually goes off on a tangent, but I like the stuff in the book."

Logan wants his students and all freshmen seminar students to benefit from the class. He feels at Howard, "students should not just know what they need to survive, but what they need to survive as an African American."

## Jacques Purvis: Young and In Charge

**By Tamrya Byrd**  
Contributing Writer

It's not everyday a sophomore comes on Howard's campus and begins taking over, but that's exactly how it happened with sophomore political science and psychology major, Jacques Purvis.

Purvis, from Houston, decided to step into the political scene of Howard at an early age. Along with a few friends, he decided he would bring a different perspective to the University.

Purvis is currently the president of the Arts and Sciences Student Council (ASSC). Along with Dan Blackmore and Jason Ravin, also sophomores, he decided to try and give the Student Council a new edge.

Ravin is the vice president of the ASSC and Blackmore is the treasurer. The three, who were freshman at the time, had a vision. Instead of just talking about things they wanted to change, they stepped up to the plate and put their words into action.

They ran for their positions last spring under the platform C.L.E.A.R., which stands for Continuing the Legacy of Excellence and Responsibility.

During the elections, Purvis says there was a huge controversy because the three men were freshmen. Jacques believes that classification doesn't limit anyone's leadership abilities. "The term leader is universal," he said.

Purvis, Ravin and Blackmore ran for positions in the ASSC because they felt as freshman they had a fresh view about student government and how it should be ran.

This year the ASSC has many plans they feel will better Howard students. The Student Council firmly believes they are not only a programming body but also an actual student government in which they guarantee student voices will be heard.

Purvis, along with others in the council, has restructured the Arts & Sciences vision into four divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Fine



Photo by Maya Gilliam

**Sophomore student Jacques Purvis is President of Arts & Sciences student council.**

Arts. Each division has a board to re-evaluate student concerns and department representatives. Students report to the representatives regarding problems and concerns in the department, and the representatives report the problems to Purvis.

He has planned many programs for the College of Arts and Sciences this year. According to Purvis, the student council will be hosting a "Best Lecture Series" where prominent black leaders will speak to Howard students.

He has also formed a public relations committee that will launch a new Arts and Sciences web site in the coming weeks, which will post a monthly news letter and yearly magazine and his community service branch will be adopting Meyer Elementary School.

Purvis ensures his staff of nine will always be available for their fellow students. He says he works tirelessly to make sure things are great for students.

"Some people think it is a skit but most people put in over 40 hours a week," Purvis said. "It is not just about the money."

Purvis is only a sophomore and yet he is already a big name on campus. He is dedicated to showing Howard that he is serious about his vision. He wants to accomplish big goals in his career, and plans to achieve all the goals he has set thus far.

## Area HBCU Presidents Honored Wednesday by Howard

**Chauna Bryant**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Wednesday night, Howard University president H. Patrick Swygert hosted a reception honoring the newly instated presidents of the surrounding universities.

Calvin W. Lowe, president of Bowie State University; William L. Pollard, president of The University of the District of Columbia; and Thelma B. Thompson, president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

"I think it is terribly important that we acknowledge new leadership in our community and it is perfectly fitting that Howard serve as the host institution for the activity," said Swygert.

"I think everyone can see all of the new presidents have had some relationship with Howard over time, and it is part of leadership for the global community, and we do take that quite seriously," he continued.



Photo by Chandra Anderson

Three new HBCU Presidents were honored by Howard Wednesday. Calvin W. Lowe, president of Bowie State University; William L. Pollard, president of The University of the District of Columbia; and Thelma B. Thompson, president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Roderick Paige, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education was in attendance.

The program began with a welcome from chairman of the Faculty Senate, Richard L. Wright and the Roderick Paige, secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Next the honorees gave brief speeches.

In his speech, Lowe explained that his initial belief of presidency was similar to that of a jet ride, very exciting at the beginning, a little bit bumpy at take off, smooth in the middle and quick to land. Lowe now

believes that presidency is better described as a bull ride.

"There's twists and spins ups and downs and especially dangerous getting off," Lowe said.

Thompson, who earned

her bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees from Howard, reflected on her fondly on her time at Howard.

"This is a great honor for me, as you know I am a graduate of Howard and I have always been proud to be associated with Howard University for so many years," said Thompson.

"Howard truly has helped to mold and shape me and help me to reinforce my values," she expounded. "The traditions at this University are very much alive with me, and day after day I here myself repeating some of the wisdom that I acquired at Howard."

After brief speeches by the rest of the presidents, President Swygert gave a closing and encouraged the guests to enjoy the rest of the reception.

The rest of the night the guest mingled with on each other eating hors d' oeuvres surrounded by the sounds of the Howard University Jazz Ensemble.





## HU and UDC Program Desperately Needs Volunteers

By Briana Jeffery  
Contributing Writer

In September 2001, the Center for Nutrition, Diet and Health (CNDH) at the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) paired up with the AmeriCorps Project C.H.A.N.G.E. division at Howard University to organize a new volunteer program.

The Food Handler Certification Program Model (FHCPM) is a partnership between both Universities that focuses on educating district residents (especially childcare facilitators) on proper food handling.

The District of Columbia FHCPM focuses on achieving change through education for those who handle food in soup kitchens, senior citizen facilities, churches, daycare centers and more.

"The program puts a special emphasis on daycare centers," said Dawanna James, UDC/CNDH program coordinator and Howard Alumnae. "We are making an effort to decrease the onset of food-borne illnesses in children."

Many daycare centers and other non-commercial facilities are serving food to children and this program is meant to teach these people how to safely prepare their food and how to pass the FDA food code, she said.

Associate Director for the Howard University Community Association, Jacob Ortiz, was more than happy to work with James.

"I wanted to support her



Photo courtesy of udc.edu

**The University of the District of Columbia needs community service volunteers.**

because she was a former member. There was a big attraction there because she was working with a lot of the same agencies," he said. "This was a way for UDC to extend its outreach to the other side of the district."

According to recent reports on the D.C. public schools, 14 schools in the District failed to pass their health inspections.

"Some cafeterias had problems with roach and rat infestations, James said, "Apparently the problem is much bigger than we thought."

The program has had difficulty; recruiting people to do the field research that it needs to obtain accurate information.

Ideally the partnership between UDC and Project C.H.A.N.G.E. is perfect because of the nature of AmeriCorps.

"We are a domestic version of the Peace Corps," said Ortiz, "This is an opportunity for Howard students to make a difference in the community."

Volunteers are needed to conduct phone surveys and once they are completed, the volunteers will assist in the

training exercises. This information will help develop a training model.

AmeriCorps member and volunteer coordinator Lakai Hagens, is also a Howard student.

"I am responsible for orientating new volunteers and holding monthly reflections on previous work," said Hagens. "The good thing about this site is that you can adjust work around your schedule."

Volunteers can stay with the project until the end of the spring semester or longer.

"Ortiz asks that AmeriCorps volunteers work at least two hours per week."

Volunteers must undergo mandatory training before becoming a part of Hagens' team, he added.

James hopes to acquire at least 15 volunteers immediately and Ortiz is heavily recruiting for Project C.H.A.N.G.E.

Contact Dawanna James at 202-274-7115, Lakai Hagens, pr Jacob Ortiz at, 202-806-4771.

## Why Teach for America?

By Tiffani Turner  
Contributing Writer

Throughout the years, there has been a steady struggle to find qualified teachers for inner city public schools; however, thanks to Teach for America, a 13-year-old program, low-income communities will acquire 2,500 qualified teachers this year.

Teach For America is a program that encourages college graduates from all backgrounds to commit to teaching in urban and rural communities for two years. The program is geared towards helping to train qualified individuals to take leadership roles in education.

According to representatives for Teach For America 2003, "As an art of this network, you'll position yourself to make an impact in law, government, health care, business, journalism, education and other professional sectors."

During this program, teachers strive to set attainable academic goals for their students and work to give them an academic foundation that will last a lifetime. Teach For America members receive extensive training while learning about the educational, social and economic needs of black communities.

In order to qualify for the program, applicants must have a cumulative 2.5 grade point average, have earned a bachelor's degree by the beginning of the summer and be citizens or

permanent residents of the United States.

During the program, corps members are paid \$22,000 to \$40,000, which mirrors the salaries of beginning teachers. There is also an educational award given to members that total \$9,450 over the duration of the program.

Many college graduates are interested in going to graduate school after college, and for these students there is a two-year deferral for those who still decide to join Teach For America.

Various graduate schools participate in this program. Some of the schools are Columbia Law School, Harvard Law School, New York University Law School, Princeton University, and Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs along with many other prestigious law, government and public policy graduate schools.

These schools recognize that Teach For America graduates are a great asset to their institutions and can make even bigger contributions to the community.

Recruitment Director Carrie Ellis explains the programs goals and says that Teach For America goes beyond the ambiguity of traditional educational objectives.

"Our organizational goal is to get the most promising future leaders to address the achievement gap that exists between low income and high income students in our com-

munities," Ellis said. "Teach For America stretches across 18 different regions, going above and beyond traditional expectations setting ambitious goals and relentlessly pursuing goals to ensure that all needs are met."

Erica Dodson, a recent Howard Graduate with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in administration of justice is currently a Teach For America member.

"Teach For America is a wonderful experience. Ever since I was younger, I felt that it was my obligation to give back to the community. I currently teach ESL to 6th grade students in Houston, Texas," Dodson said. "Teach For America really needs black people and minorities to get involved. These are our children and the majority of corps members are Anglo-Saxon. I encourage everyone to try it."

According to other members, Teach For America has proven to be an excellent program geared toward changing the face of tomorrow. It is a program that gives college graduates the chance to give back to their communities while developing a work ethic that will carry corps members very far in the work place.

If anyone is interested in obtaining more information about Teach For America, an Information Session will be held Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in room 148 and 150 in the Blackburn Center.



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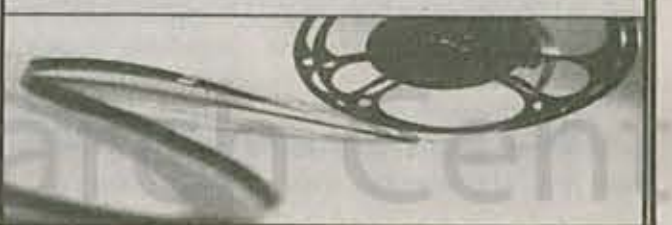
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## Charles Rangel, A Political Feature



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Charles Rangel is a congressman from Harlem, New York.

By Ashley Kelly  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With a plethora of issues affecting society, it may be good to have an African Americans in Congress to represent the voices of the race. Through Charles Rangel has extensive involvement in Congress as this has been achieved.

Charles Rangel is currently in his 15th term as the Representative of the 15th Congressional District, which includes East and Central Harlem, the Upper West Side, and Washington Heights/Inwood. Rangel is noted for his defense of liberal causes and providing federal aid for the poor as well as cities.

Rangel has been very instrumental in improving the living conditions in many urban cities. Through the Federal Empowerment Zone demonstration project, of which he is author, Rangel has improved the living conditions of many urban neighborhoods. Also authoring the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, Rangel has helped provide ninety percent of the affordable housing in America in the last ten years.

Although Rangel is a leading force in issues that affect society such as poor living conditions, this is not the only area in which he has been an advocate.

Rangel has also had a great impact on the drug issue in America. While Rangel was chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control, he fought against drug abuse and drug trafficking into the United States.

Lorenzo Morris, interim chair of the Department of Political Science, said, "Rangel has had a drastic affect [in politics] especially in the area of drug abuse, particularly in supporting programs that lead to treatment instead of penalization."

Congressman Rangel is not only involved in issues that affect America, he is also involved in international affairs.

One of the founding members, as well as the former chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rangel led one of most effective anti-apartheid measures. Rangel along with others put forth efforts to include in the Internal Revenue Code, denial of tax credits for taxes paid to South Africa. This led to the exit of many Fortune 500 companies in Africa.

Although Rangel is heavily involved in the Political world it is not the only area in which he has been successful.

Rangel served in United States Army in Korea from 1948 to 1952. While serving he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for bravery. He has put legislation in place to benefit minority and women veterans, including a successful bill that established the Office of Minority Affairs Within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Rangel has been very powerful force in the political arena. Daniel Blakemore, sophomore, political science major Executive Treasurer of student council, said, "Adam Clayton Powell Jr. as an African-American representative of change he has done monumental work."

Rangel is currently running to be the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, which has control over all international trade agreements. Jacques Purvis, sophomore political science/psychology major and executive president of student council, said, "It would not hurt us to have him as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee."

Howard in paying tribute to Rangel by starting a program, the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program, which is geared toward students planning to pursue careers in Foreign Service.

"I am glad that we have an African American as eloquent as Charles Rangel in Congress. He is helping our people in a positive way," said sophomore, chemical engineering major, Nerissa Perkins.

## Ron Kirk: An African-American for Texas Senator

By Deneysel Kirkpatrick  
Special Projects Manager

As a pioneer in politics for African-Americans in the state of Texas, Ron Kirk, a has taken the gigantic effort to travel the state to share the common ground, common sense approach he would like to take to the nation's capital.

In the history of the United States Senate since 1789, there have only been four African American to hold seats. Out of the four the have served in the Senate between 1870 and 1999, there have been three Republicans and one Democrat. Ron Kirk would be the 2nd Democrat elected to the Senate and the first African American Senator from Texas. This 4th generation Texan whose resume clearly shows that he is no stranger to claiming the title to many firsts has gained a diverse following throughout his campaign while making power moves in other political arenas.

He has proven his leadership abilities while serving as the first African American mayor of Dallas and or a major Texas city; twice elected; first in 1995, and reelected in 1999 with 74 percent of the vote. During his tenure as mayor he made positive changes by increasing the public safety budget by nearly 40% resulting in Dallas' lowest crime rate in twenty years. In addition to making the streets of Dallas safer he secured more than 45,000 jobs to

help build the investment in the economy to \$3.5 billion.

In a battle for the Senate seat being vacated by Republican Phil Gramm, Ron Kirk faces off against Texas Attorney General, Republican John Cornyn. In his campaign effort to encourage young people to participate in the electoral process which he feels is necessary; he co-sponsored a rally with a rap musician. He later was criticized by his opponent for associating negative rap values with his platform.

Kirk's platform covers issues ranging from caring for seniors: prescription drugs, a commitment to fiscal responsibility to supporting small business. His most pressing issues are Homeland Security and Social Security.

Kirk says he would support unilateral action against Iraq if necessary.

"Taking steps to strengthen homeland security is one of the most important things we can do in Washington. But the people who will respond to national emergencies are our local firefighters and police officers the local heroes that put their lives on the line every day. Our cities and localities need to be an important part of any Homeland Security plan," said Ron Kirk. He's stated that he is willing to work the president in order to assist citizens quickly respond to any terrorist attack.

When it comes to Social Security Ron Kirk approaches the



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If elected, Kirk will be the only black Senator.

issue by emphasizing the importance of not stealing and borrowing from the trust fund, instead we should pay down the national debt. Although he is open to making the Bush tax cut permanent, he feels that Bush should wait longer before making any crucial decisions that can affect the sensitive economy.

"Americans have worked hard and paid into Social Security all their lives. They should get the benefits they

earned and no one should be able to cut those benefits or take them away," said Kirk.

Ron Kirk, a native of Austin, Texas and product of the University Of Texas School Of Law has demonstrated his ability to maneuver through the ranks of politics while upholding the values and morals of a public servant, leader and man willing to act as a positive force for all communities.

## McCall Faces Hurdles to Become New York's First Black Governor

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school.

His friends from his local church helped McCall find scholarships to Dartmouth College, which is where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1958. After a yearlong exchange at the University of Edinburgh, McCall went on to get his master's degree in divinity at Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in 1963.

McCall's experience as a minister has helped to shape his image during the campaign. Quieter and more subdued than many of his black counterparts in the New York political system, he has not been as quick to speak out about certain issues. For example, he participated in the daily Amoydou Diallo protests two weeks after they started and one week after other prominent black politicians like David Dinkins (former New York mayor) and Charles B. Rangel did.

Just as McCall fits the role of the subdued reverend, he is a subdued politician, working more behind the scenes.

When asked about his most risky political move, McCall searched for an answer.

"I don't know," he told the

New York Times. "You make decisions every day. I don't remember any that were momentous."

Nonetheless, McCall has been a significant presence through his varied experience in the New York political system.

He served as a state senator for the 28th District (serving Harlem and parts of the upper West side), been president of the New York City Board of Education and served in the private sector as a Citibank executive, among various other jobs. However, his most recent experience has been as New York State comptroller, which is an office he has held since 1993. Becoming a state comptroller was a significant achievement for McCall, as the office requires broad support from all over the state.

Because of his success as comptroller and his varied job experience, New York Democrats thought him a prime candidate for governor of New York. His ability to reach across racial lines and stellar record as state comptroller seemed to make him a good contender.

However, as of late, his broad

support has not been able to help him on the campaign trail. McCall has recently been plagued with allegations of soliciting jobs for family members to companies he invested state money in. McCall has also had problems with recognition among New York voters.

Sydelle Chase, a junior psychology major from Brooklyn is one such resident who has yet to hear of the man. Though she is a registered voter, Chase has had more trouble finding out how she can vote than finding out about candidates such as McCall.

However, Chase is happy to finally see a black man on New York's ballot for governor.

"It's great that he's running," she said. "Too bad he's not going to win."

And as polls continue to show McCall lagging behind Pataki, McCall's charisma and broad-based appeal seem to be little remedy for his campaign's ails.

Through his recent troubles on the campaign trail, however, McCall has run his campaign with little to no mention of the most obvious aspect of the campaign:

his race.

David Dinkins, the first black mayor of New York and friend of McCall described how McCall addressed black audiences as an example.

"On occasion McCall says 'You have a chance to make history,' Dinkins told the New York Times. 'He says: 'You can elect the first governor who's a minister. You can elect the first governor who's been president of the Board of Education.' The audience kind of chuckles. He doesn't say 'You can elect the first black governor.'"

Junior photography major Naemah Cranston, a Harlem native, believes that McCall does have a strong presence within the black community, but agrees with his "saying it without saying it" approach on the subject of race. However, she believes that race will inevitably bring him down anyway.

"He won't win because not enough black people will vote," said Cranston. "Look at Jesse Jackson, when he was about something. He ran for president and didn't win."

## John Conyers Ranking Democrat in the House Judiciary Committee

By Kristen Howard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the midterm election only a whisper away, Representative John Conyers stands as an example of the importance of continued African American presence in Congress.

Conyers, hailing from Detroit, is the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

The House Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over matters relating to the administration of justice in Federal courts, administrative bodies such as the office of the president, and law enforcement agencies.

Most of its press comes from its important role in impeachment hearings, especially presi-

dential hearings like that of former President Bill Clinton in regards to the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Because any new legislation that carries with it the possibility for criminal or civil penalties could potentially be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, the legislative workload of the committee is heavy.

But, to whom much is given much is required.

Under Conyers leadership, the Judiciary Committee Democrats have had a chance to address key issues facing the American people such as a woman's right to choose, the wall separating church and state, and immigration laws.

In a statement by Conyers available on the House of Representatives Judiciary

Committee web page, he said [Democrats] have aggressively pushed for new laws to reduce crime and the incidence of gun violence, and protect all of our citizens civil rights and liberties.

Conyers has served nineteen terms in the House and is the second most senior member.

Conyers has repeatedly proven his loyalty to both Democratic and African-American causes.

In 1997 he spoke out against the Sentencing Guidelines enactment, which he claimed was unfairly biased against minorities.

Conyers is one of the founders of the Congressional Black Caucus, and is considered the Dean of that group.

He also wrote and led the

drive for the Martin Luther King Holiday Act of 1983.

Conyers has also fought for issues concerning his constituents at home in Michigan.

He supported the Digital Education Act of 1999 which awarded grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements to develop educational programming for pre-school and elementary school children and disseminate these programs to the widest possible appropriate audience.

This program is helping to bridge the digital divide, which has become a big problem in many under-funded schools in the greater metro Detroit area.

Another issue, the problem of driving while black, has affected many students.

Conyers work continued, when in the 106th Congress he



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John Conyers is the ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

worked with three senators to write the Racial Profiling Traffic Study Statistics Act.

Their study determined that although African Americans

make up 14 percent of the population they make up 72 percent of all traffic stops.

Although the Rules

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## Amiri Baraka Challenged as Poet Laureate

By Bernard Murray  
Contributing Writer

Renowned poet, playwright and former Howard University student Amiri Baraka vows to "go to the Supreme Court" if the New Jersey Legislature and Governor James McGreevey carry out their threat to revoke his appointment as the Garden State's poet laureate or block the \$10,000 stipend that goes with the title.

"It isn't the money," said Baraka.

"Right now the most important thing to me is to disprove this lie that I'm anti-Semitic."

The poem in the center of the controversy is entitled "Somebody Blew Up America."

In the piece, Baraka makes reference to Israel as not only knowing beforehand of the Sept. 11 attacks on America, but having a hand in their execution.

New Jersey Governor James McGreevey signed and awarded the stipend to Baraka.

However, now McGreevey has expressed disgust at the poem.

The language used in Mr. Baraka's recent poem could be interpreted as stating that Israelis were forewarned of the Sept. 11 attacks," said McGreevey.

"Mr. Baraka should clarify the intent of his language and apologize for any misinterpretation of that language and resign," McGreevey said.

A part of the poem reads; *Who knew the World Trade Center was gonna get bombed/Who told 4000 Israeli workers at the Twin Towers /To stay home that day /Why did Sharon stay away?*

Another reference to Jews that is controversial reads,

*Who know why Five Israelis was filming the explosion/And cracking they sides at the notion.*

Among those who are condemning Baraka is his predecessor as New Jersey's poet laureate, who was on the four-person committee that selected Baraka in May, Gerald Stern.

"I was shocked at the stupidity" of Baraka's poem, Stern told The New York Times.

Yet, "Somebody Blew Up America," was published in October 2001, seven months before Stern was lobbying for Baraka to succeed him.

Controversy over the poem started when Baraka recited it on Sept. 19 at the 2002 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival in Stanhope, New Jersey.

Baraka was appointed Poet Laureate by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities and the State Council on the Arts on August 28, 2002.

Myrna Shinbaum of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) spoke about the organizations problem with the poem.

"Clearly, the poet laureate has bought into the big lie that Jews are responsible for 9/11," said Shinbaum.

"While he has every right to write poetry as he chooses, to represent the state of New Jersey, we find that extremely offensive," she said.

"We applaud the governor for trying to do what he can in this instance," she said.

Baraka's defense is that he is critical of Israel, not anti-Semitic.

"I think it's absurd. Every time you want to criticize Israel you are called an anti-Semite. If these people want to persist and make me willingly withdraw, I'm not going to do it," said Baraka.

Baraka was one of the voices leading the Black arts poetry movement in the 1960s.

He produced several anti-white plays geared toward all black audiences. In 1968, he dropped his government name and embraced the Muslim name Imamu Amiri Baraka.

The New Jersey Council for the Humanities and the State Council on the Arts stated that they were aware of Baraka's past and his past works.

The title of poet laureate holds a two-year term with the objective of promoting and encouraging poetry.

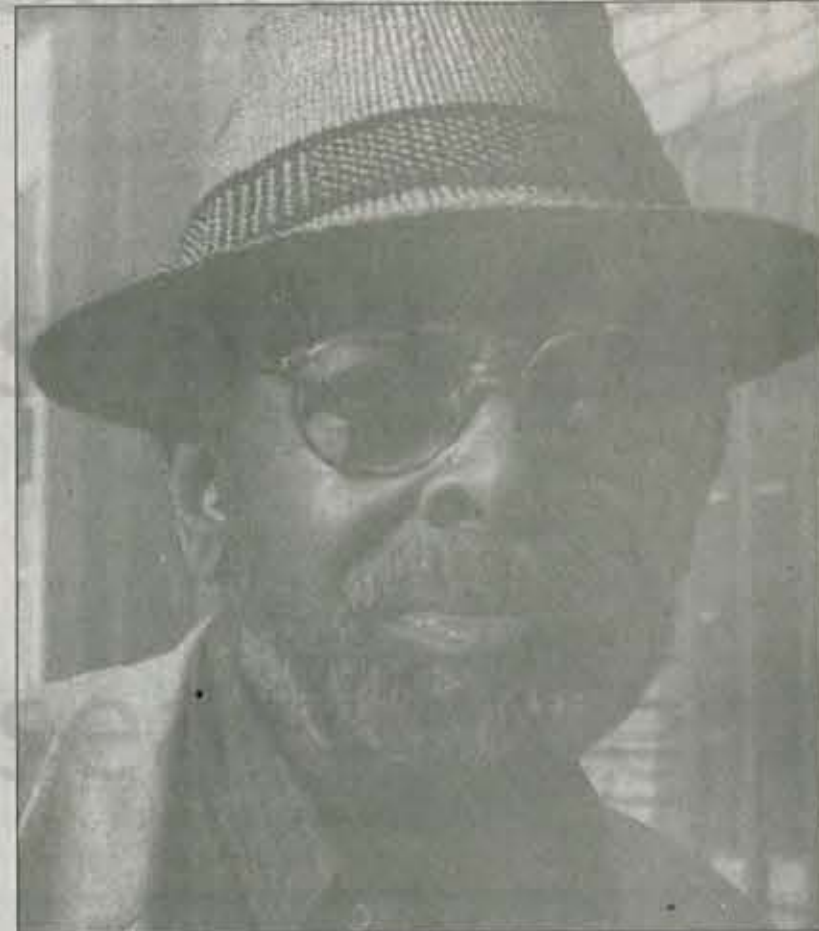


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Amiri Baraka has been told to resign his title as New Jersey's Poet Laureate for his critical view of Israel expressed in a poem about Sept. 11.

### Other Controversial Poem Verses by Amiri Baraka

Smile, jew. Dance, jew. Tell me you love me, jew.... I got the extermination blues, jewboys. I got the hitler syndrome figured.  
- from "For Tom Postell, Dead Black Poet"

We want poems like fists ... or dagger poems in the slimy bellies of the owner-jews.... Poems that wrestle cops into alleys and take their weapons leaving them dead with tongues pulled out and sent to Ireland.... Look at the Liberal Spokesman for the jews clutchhis throat & puke himself into eternity... Another bad poem cracking steel knuckles in a jewlady's mouth.  
- from "Black Art"

Atheist Jews double crossers stole our secrets... They give us to worship a dead Jew and not ourselves... Selling fried potatoes and people, the little arty bastards talking arithmetic they sucked from the arab's head.  
- from "Black People"

### Census Report:

## First Rise in Black Poverty in Ten Years

By Chauna Bryant  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Heather Heslup, a television production major, worked 20 hours at Cramton Auditorium this week. However, Heslup will only break even on her bills.

"I have a job and I am still broke," Heslup said. "This time last year, I was working fewer hours and I still had expendable money."

College students are not the only people buckling under the heavy weight of the recession. Blacks and other minority groups have all seen a negative shift in income.

In its annual report on income and poverty, the Census Bureau reported the U.S.'s first increase in the poverty level since 1993.

More than one million people are living in poverty - 11.7 percent of the U.S. population exists below the poverty line, which is an increase from 11.3 percent in the year 2000.

John J. Sweeney, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO),

expressed his discontent with the recent report.

"It is a shameful commentary on this nation that despite all its wealth, and while executives cut deals to pay themselves millions in perks, severance and retirement, 11.7 million children and 3.4 million seniors continue to live in poverty," he said.

According to the Census, the only people who experienced an economic gain last year were those already earning \$100,000 or more annually and the top 20 percent of the wealthiest households consumed more than half of the nations income.

Executive director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Robert Greenstein, expanded on the increasing income gap.

"The share of national income going to the bottom fifth of households is at the lowest ever, while the proportion going to the top fifth is the highest ever," Greenstein said.

Black people are the most negatively effected race in the recession.

According to the Census

Bureau, the average black household's earnings fell 3.4 percent last year, which is more than double the decline of Hispanics (1.6 percent) and whites (1.4 percent). The poverty rate for black households amplified greatly.

President Bush continues

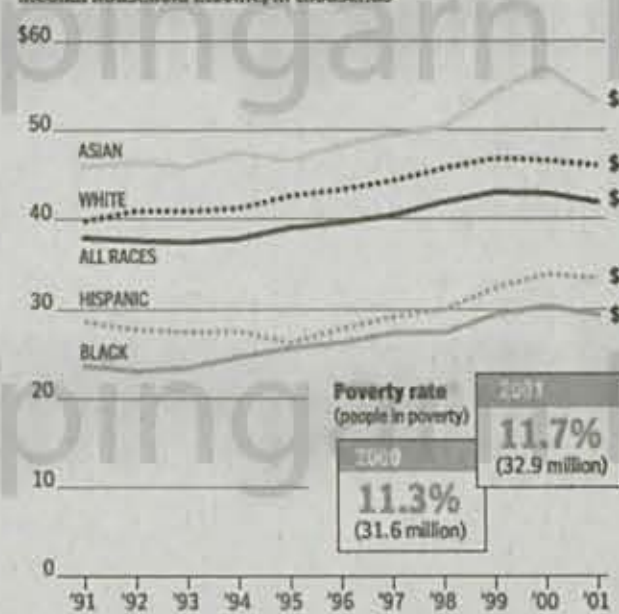
to convey his confidence that the economy will rebound.

"I understand we got a lot of work to do and we will continue to work hard to make sure that people can find work," Bush said.

#### Incomes Decline

Last year, incomes declined and the poverty rate increased for the first time in almost a decade.

Median household income, in thousands



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

THE WASHINGTON POST

### Commentary:

## Sniper Suspects Innocent Until Proven Guilty

By Amber Mobley  
Nation & World Editor

It was breaking news.

The suspected sniper and an accomplice had been arrested.

The evidence placed both men - John Allen Muhammad and John Lee Malvo - at the right places and at the right times and a weapon was found. Hallelujah!

Happy days were here again.

Everyone felt comfortable pumping their own gas and our children were allowed to go outside again.

The police force was praised.

A sense of normalcy hugged the atmosphere in the District and the surrounding areas of Maryland and Virginia.

It was safe again.

Yet, before Muhammad and Malvo were even charged with a crime, their convictions had been set in the hearts and minds of the public. GUILTY!!

Instead of suspects they were The Snipers. U.S. News and World Report printed its latest magazine issue with Muhammad and Malvos pictures on the cover. The headline read, Monsters.

One would have to be either blind or stupid not to realize that the cards are stacked high against the two suspects in the Sniper case. The evidence in the case truly leans towards a possible conviction of both men, but through amid our emotions and our tears of sorrow over the lives lost and tears of happiness for our own safety and the safety of

our loved ones, I'd like everyone to remember that we must be fair.

With help from the mass media, the American public has taken it upon themselves to be Muhammad and Malvos judge and jury.

Two key words; suspects and alleged have vaporized from television reports and daily conversation concerning the two sniper suspects, and that's just not right.

It is not fair, neither is it just to label Muhammad and Malvo as The Snipers or Monsters.

Regardless of the amount of evidence against the two suspects, I urge everyone to please remember that in this great nation, anyone who has been suspected of and charged with a crime - no matter how heinous the alleged crime or crimes may be - is INNOCENT until PROVEN GUILTY in a COURT of LAW by a JURY of his or her PEERS.

And that, is truly the American way.



Photo courtesy of the Associated Press

Johnathan Malvo and Muhammed have been arrested for their alleged roles in the sniper serial killings that lasted a month.

## Coast to Coast: News from Across the U.S.

**ANAHEIM, Calif.** - Sunday's World Series Game Seven, where the Anaheim Angels beat the San Francisco Giants, was the lowest-rated World Series in history.

The number of viewers for the match-up tumbled 24 percent from last year's Arizona Diamondbacks-New York Yankees game.

**WASHINGTON** - A decade of steadily dropping crime in the U.S. ended last year with slight increases in murder, robbery, burglary and car theft, the FBI said Monday.

A per capita increase of just under 1 percent occurred in the 2001 FBI crime index, which measures a range of violent and property crimes. Even so, the overall crime rate is well below what it was ten years ago.

**DENVER** - A Colorado woman said she believes she contracted the West Nile virus through sexual contact with her infected husband. Health officials said they have no evidence the disease can be spread sexually, but won't rule out the possibility.

**TUSCON, Ariz.** - A student who was flunking out of the University of Arizona nursing school shot three of his professors to death Monday, then killed himself as dozens of students rushed to get away.

Police said Robert Flores Jr., 41, targeted the instructors, killing one in her office and the others in a fourth-floor classroom as students dove for cover.

### HISTORY IS MADE

The 1880 U.S. Census, the first searchable, complete Census, went online earlier this week. This is particularly significant because it is the first online Census to include former slaves, and the second Census in history to record blacks as individuals rather than as pieces of property.

Famous names in the Census include Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass, writers Mark Twain and Herman Melville, tycoon John D. Rockefeller and inventor Thomas Edison.

Volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which is renowned for its genealogical research facilities, have spent 17 years inputting 50 million entries into computers. The results can be found at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

The Mormon Church calls this database the latest addition to the wealth of genealogical data already available via the Net, the easiest way to date of finding ancestors born in the United States.





## Howard University Students: 'No War on Iraq'

By Stephanie Crouch  
Contributing Writer

Congress' recent approval to give President George W. Bush special war powers in Americas pre-emptive strike against Iraq has left Howard University students with mixed feelings.

A belief that Iraq is failing to comply with the U.N. resolutions led to congressional approval, and the presidential signature of a war resolution against Iraq.

This approval authorizes attacks on Iraq if Saddam Hussein refuses to give up weapons of mass destruction.

The hunch that the weapons were being concealed occurred after Iraqi officials failed to grant chief weapons inspector Hans Blix the rights needed to conduct successful inspections.

According to ex-inspector David Kay, "without the negotiation of unconditional rights, the inspection process would be pointless."

"Without the rights that he did not successfully negotiate in

Vienna with the Iraqis, that is, the right to go anywhere, anytime, the right to conduct aerial inspections over the whole country in safety, and most importantly, the right to conduct interrogations of Iraqi scientists and engineers without their security-minders being shoulder-to-shoulder with

ment and/or building of weapons.

Baghdad denies the accusations. However, the Bush administration disagrees.

Members feel that Saddam is intent on acquiring chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons of mass destruction that will be used to threaten neighbors in



Photo courtesy of CNN.com

The Security Council is currently negotiating the wording of the War Resolution Act.

them," Kay told a CNN affiliate. "It's a hopeless effort," he said.

U.S. officials have accused Iraq of using three different sites for the possible conceal-

ment of weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, the United States and its allies. The administration wants to strike first.

However, Howard students are not certain about Bush's

views.

"I disagree with U.S. attacking Iraq because the sole purpose of attacks is based upon oil," sophomore political science major Samika Boyd said.

"Instead of attacking Iraq, it is imperative for the US to focus on the countries that will endanger them and the countries that have been proven detrimental," Boyd said.

"Take Saudi Arabia for example, [most] of the proven 9/11 terrorist were Saudi Arabian and yet the US has not concentrated on Saudi Arabia being suspect because of the US national interest-oil," Boyd said.

Other students look at the threat of war as a reoccurrence in family history.

"Waging war against Iraq is the worst decision Bush could ever make because he's continuing a war his father started", junior architect major Kris Hernandez said.

Junior finance major Nicole Messiah agrees.

"I believe we should get the backing of the UN," Massiah

said.

"Looking at his family history, I don't trust his judgment on attacking Iraq and I don't think the US should serve as the



Photo courtesy of CNN.com

Saddam Hussein, president of Iraq, may be the US's next target in its fight against terrorism.

policemen for the world," said Massiah.

Boyd sees Bush's actions as a result of his title.

"The executive branch is

always attempting to gain power and the president is using the vulnerability of the country to get approval for waging war and stripping Americans of civil liberties, which will be more harmful to African Americans," Massiah said.

Some students believe that the inspections are necessary but the war is not.

"I think the fact that they perform regular weapon inspections will prove beneficial to both the United States and other countries," sophomore Michael Richardson said.

"I'm just naturally against war and I don't think waging war should be an alternative for finding weapons of mass destruction", said Richardson.

Whatever the outcome of President Bush's actions, Iraq has stated that it stands ready to defend itself.

According to Iraq's state news agency, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said "Iraq is ready to face aggression by the American administration of evil."

Part 6 in a 7 Part Series

Starvation in Africa: A Country by Country World Page Series Special

## Government Faulted for Coming Famine in Swaziland

Contributing Staff Writer

The prevalence of AIDS in southern Africa is complicating the task of helping the millions of people facing famine.

In Swaziland, one third of the people are HIV positive and by the end of the year, one in five will be dependant on food aid to survive.

In the past people have tried to cope with hunger through the strong and traditional African family unit, yet that structure is now under increasing pressure from the AIDS pandemic - mothers and fathers dieing and leaving children to fend for themselves.

And as more people are affected by food shortages, there is criticism that the government has mishandled the economy and agriculture.

Nomsa Mthembu lives in the dry east of Swaziland. Her husband has died from AIDS.

In the rear of her mud and stick house there lies five piles of stones - the graves of her husband, her sisters and children.

"Life is very difficult. I don't have money to buy anything, but just collect firewood to make a living," she told the British Broadcasting Company.

"I don't have any relatives to help - I have to look after myself," said Mthembu.

She also has a three-year-old child who has been sick since birth.

Aid worker Nhlanhla Motsa is sure the child and its mother have both contracted AIDS. Mthembu's 16-year-old daughter will eventually be responsible for the family.

"I would say about 65 percent of people here are affected by both the drought and the HIV disease," Nhlanhla Motsa said.

The World Food Program



Map courtesy of worldmnd.com

has reopened its office in Swaziland to deal with the current crisis.

Mary Ann Marks is the

emergency coordinator.

"This is the biggest complication here for Swaziland - probably more so than any of the other countries," she said.

"[The famine] is affecting 144,000 people at the current time but it is complicated because many, many of the people - 33 percent of the population - are affected by HIV," said Marks.

"They are spending their money on medicines instead of food. Or worse, the people are dying and leaving behind orphans," Marks said.

While HIV/AIDS is destroying the country and there is hunger now, long-term food shortages are avoidable.

Maize crops have failed but crops like cassava will not and water is available.

Blame for shortages is falling on the government.

"It is part of mismanagement of the economy. Yes, they

can duck and dive around drought, but there is no self-sufficiency agriculture policy," said trade union activist Jan Sithole.



Photo courtesy of bbc.com

This Swaziland woman and her children are suffering from starvation.

The government recently bought a multi-million dollar aircraft for the king just as international food aid began to arrive.

## Analysis:

## U.S. Fight Against Terrorism Unfocused, Future Uncertain

By Kristen Howard  
Hilltop Staff Writer

With the congressional approval of the War Resolution authorizing President Bush to use military force, if necessary, to compel Iraq to get rid of its biological and chemical weapons and disband its nuclear weapons program, America is faced with a lingering situation in Afghanistan and the self-imposed charge of defeating two of the world's most notorious terrorists.

The first war, which may overlap the next war, was staged in Afghanistan.

Its original goals were to oust the al Qaeda and Taliban networks throughout the nation, stop terrorism of the Afghani people, and capture the infamous, admitted perpetrator of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Osama bin Laden.

Thus far, U.S. military forces have arguably accomplished 1 of the 3 goals that it set forth to do: providing some support to the Afghani population and beginning the implementation of a democratic government in that nation.

Many of the top al Qaeda and Taliban leaders are thought to be in Pakistan. Those left in Afghanistan are believed to be avoiding battles, melting into the population, hiding in the rugged mountains and moving back and forth across the porous border.

Bin Laden has recently made new threats against possible US targets and remains at large.

America is still trying to bring closure to the situation in Afghanistan but has now moved on to incorporate other anti-terrorists goals.

In Iraq, the United States has its eye on the dictator Saddam Hussein.

The American government is making ready for a preemptive - meaning we will be taking the first step - unilateral - signifying that only the US (and possibly some of her allies) is making the demands - strike on Iraq.

The US wants Iraq to comply with all demands made by the United Nations for disarmament and for human rights violations against its own citizens. The congressional approval for the Bush resolution was hard earned. Democratic leaders fought within their own party to try and reach a unified decision.

That goal however, was never met and the resolution passed the House and Senate with the democrats having split opinions and with the important amendment forcing Bush to exhaust all means of diplomacy first. These diplomacy efforts are not in reference to trying to bargain with Hussein, but they are an issue with the United Nations Security Council who has the power to decide whether or not the UN will support the United States.

Of the four countries with the power to stop UN support of the U.S. war effort only Britain, under the leadership of prime minister Tony Blair, is firmly pro-war.

China, Russia, and France still have reservations. This could spell trouble for the US because most of its power in the first war with Iraq in 1991 came from the elder Bush and his ability to rally support abroad.

Before his untimely death, Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) recently stated the case on the House floor when he said, "The intense cooperation of other nations in matters related to intelligence-sharing, security, political and economic cooperation, law enforcement and financial surveillance and other areas has been crucial to this fight, and enables us to wage it effectively with our allies."

"Over the past year, this cooperation has been our most suc-

cessful weapon against terror networks. That, not attacking Iraq, should be the main focus of our efforts in the war on terror," said Wellstone.

The situation is very complicated and according to experts, war is only the first step.

After the war is when carefully planned strategies for implementing an autonomous democracy in Iraq must be put into action.

In other words, it will not profit the United States to defeat Hussein this week and leave an open space for any of his generals or other local militias to gain control and terrorize the Iraqi people next week.

Analysts are concerned that by entering this war without a strategy for sustainability, eleven years from now, America will once again find itself fighting this same war.

The war in Afghanistan has no clear end and the pending war with Iraq is taking shape with frightening beginnings.

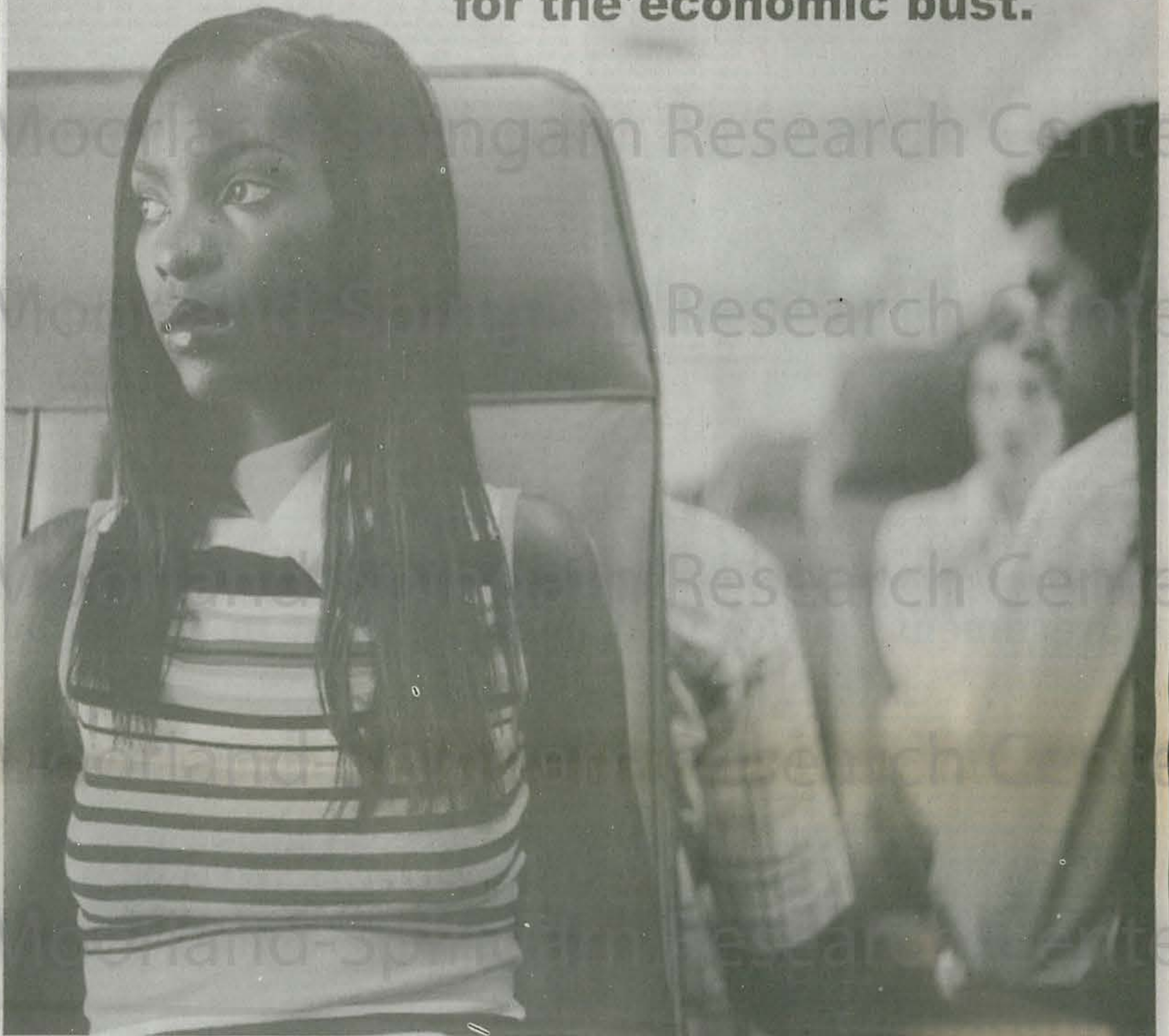
There is no clear goal, or end to Americas war on terrorism. There hasn't been a decision made as to how far we plan to go as a nation in our fight against terrorism. Decision-makers show little understanding or consideration of the serious ramifications to our own security and economy.

The future of U.S. policy and its global image continue to hang in the balance and the eventual outcome thus far, is unknown.



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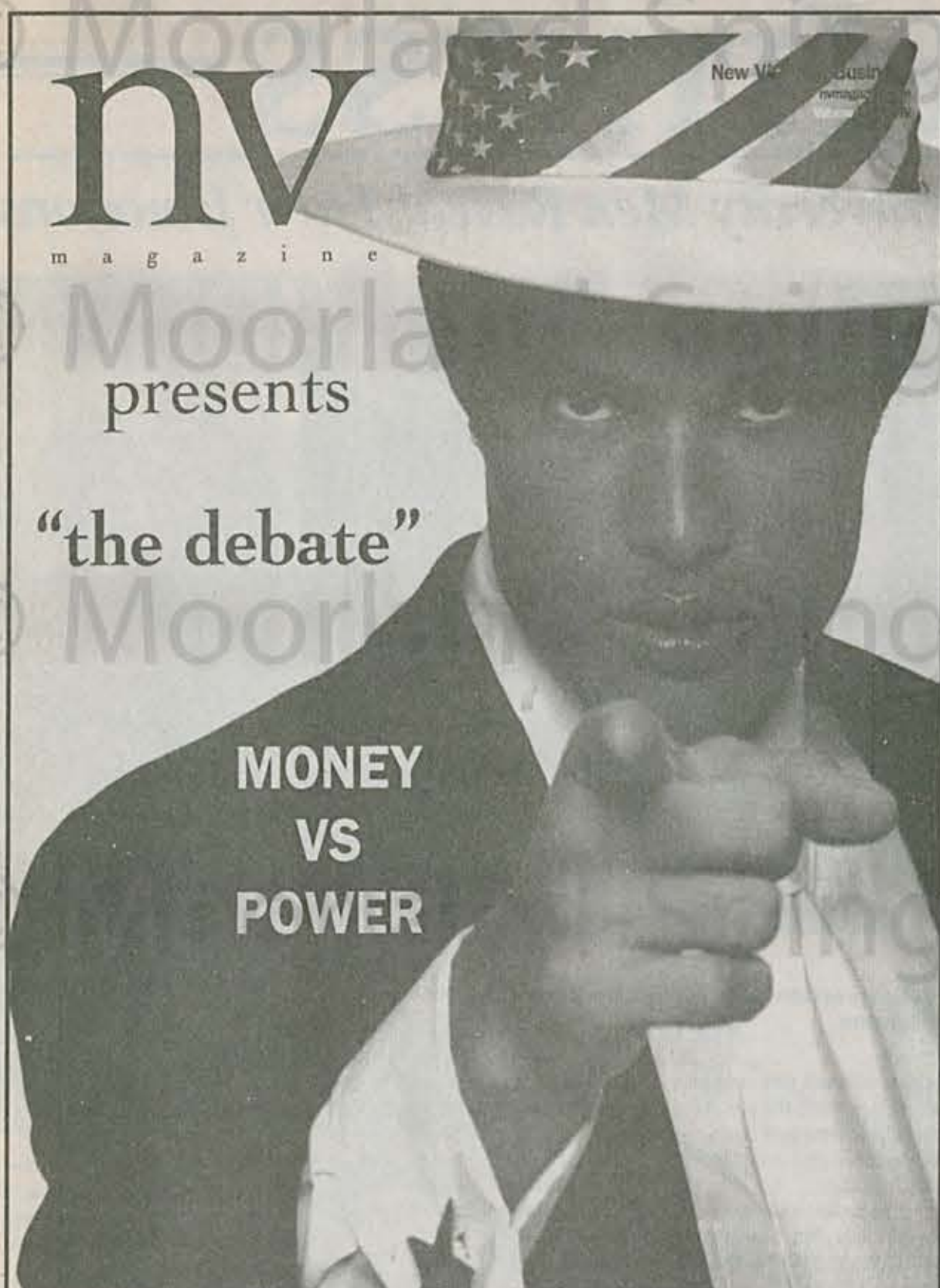


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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Understanding Depression: *Howard University Men Reveal Their Emotions*

By **Josef Sawyer**  
Campus & Online Editor

The blues, rock bottom, the dole drums, whatever the case may be, clinical depression is commonly associated with women but for men clinical depression is often anger turned inward.

Medical studies show that clinical depression in men occurs as often as women even though women are treated twice as often as men.

One reason for this disproportionate number of cases diagnosed at Howard's Counseling and Career Development Center is the fact that 65 percent of students are female compared to the 35 percent that are male.

Thomas Wessel, Dean of Counseling and Career Development says that men often shy away from seeking help because of social stigmas attached to the condition.

Clinical depression in men and women can be diagnosed by charting significant changes in sleep, eating and weight patterns, habitual feelings of worthlessness, failures in intimacy and suicidal thoughts.

Some male students like senior fashion merchandising major Christopher Richardson says depression is one area he has conquered.

"I've learned to overcome depression through my faith and optimistic outlook on life. There is always something that could be worse, so it's important to recognize that and think positively," he said.

But students like Johnnie McGee feel depression is an ongoing battle.

"Guys who say they don't get depressed are just lying to cover up their feelings. They try to toughen it out but that can lead to suicide especially if you're handling a situation with the wrong solutions like drugs alcohol," he said.

Marcus Cayenne a junior political science major says that he experiences bouts of depression but he never feels it's serious enough to where he has to seek professional help.

"Whenever I am depressed I usually talk to my cousin about it because we have a strong relationship where we can talk about anything but I also feel whatever doesn't kill you only makes you stronger," he said.

According to professor Jules Harrell doctor of psychology men often suffer quietly when admission to depression conflicts with self-image.

"Culturally we look for men to be the strong one in a relationship. So if he were to lose his job and cannot support his family

he can become very critical of himself and his mood may become dominated by feelings of dejection."

Wessel warns that clinical depression left untreated in men can cause divergent behavior such as loss of appetite, substance abuse and lack of sexual drive.

"Clinical depression affects the libido or sexual energy so often times men may try to find something to alleviate the feelings of depression. And a drink or two might give them a sense of euphoria but in all these drugs that give a high or boost in energy like ecstasy ultimately affect sexual performance. Ignorance by men may also lead to the involvement in high-risk behavior like crime and in adolescence can manifest itself into behavioral problems at school."

Researchers say that medications like Prozac, Zoloft, and Paxil are often helpful in treatment but are ultimately not the solution.

Male students at Howard who might feel too ashamed to talk to friends and family about their depression can turn to the Counseling and Career Development Center for help.

Jules Harrell, doctor of psychology at Howard says seeking outside help is often beneficial when dealing with depression.

"I would refer students over the Counseling and Career Center

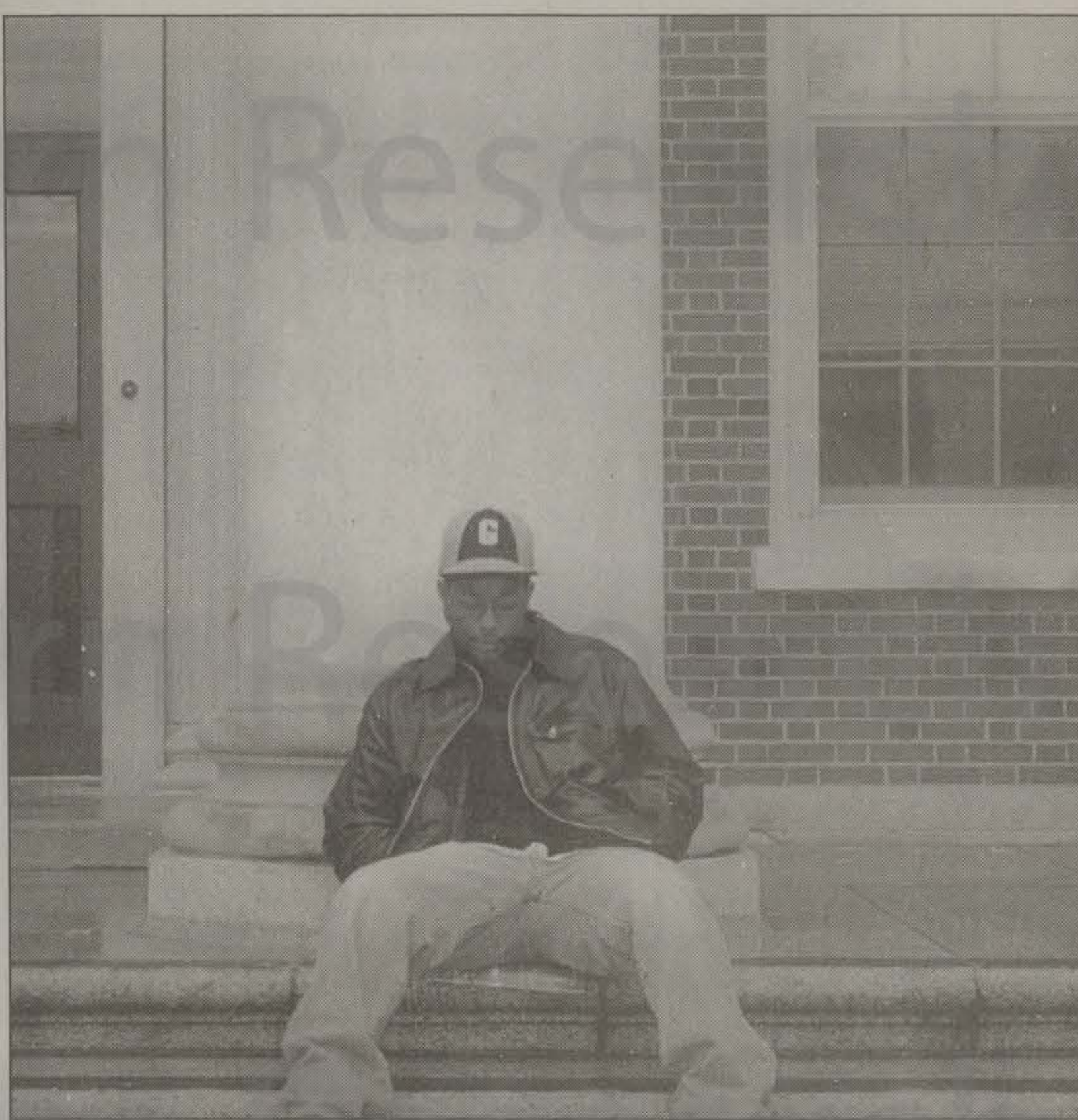


Photo by Destiny Drake

**Male depression is becoming more prevalent on university campuses.**

so they can talk to a counselor to get to the root of the problem and more or less suggest some coping strategies to deal with these feelings," he said.

The center has walk in hours on Monday and Thursday from 10 to two, and Wednesday one to four.

The center also provides professional counseling for students and support groups for those coping with grief, needing relationship guidance, substance abuse, or those struggling with college adjustment.

Regular discussion panels are held in the dorms and

**The following symptoms for clinical depression include:**

1. Oversleeping or having difficulty sleeping
2. Overeating or reduced appetite
3. Major weight gain or loss
4. Loss of interests in hobbies
5. Reduction in sexual interest or desire
6. Person looks sad or feels hopeless

**If you know someone who suffers from 5 out of 7 of the following symptoms, they may have clinical depression.**

1. Mood is dominated by dejection, gloominess and cheerlessness
2. Self concept centers around feelings of inadequacies
3. Blaming and derogatory toward himself
4. Worries a lot
5. Judgmental toward others
6. Pessimistic Outlook

Blackburn Center to make students aware of the seriousness of depression and to help take away stigmas attached to the condition and seeking psychological help.

## Knowing The Flu Cycle: Don't Let the Flu Get You

By **Erica Williams**  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Each winter, it's a fact of life. Headache, dry cough, body aches, fever and sore throat signal the onset of the flu. Each year 10 percent to 20 percent of the population gets infected with the influenza virus.

The flu cycle is slightly more complex than other cycles of illness. Initially the

virus enters the body through the membranes of the mouth or nose. One might not know that he has contracted influenza at this stage.

On days two through four, the virus settles in the lungs and begins to grow. Except for the occasional snuffle, flu symptoms still do not appear. But looks are deceiving. A person infected with a flu virus is contagious during this incubation stage.

As the incubation period ends, flu symptoms strike with sudden force. Body temperature rises. Shivers make your skin tingle. A headache sets in. Muscles start to ache. The nose becomes stuffy and runs. A heavy cough and sore throat cause discomfort. This usually happens on the fifth day of the cycle.

On days six through nine, the flu hits its stride and the body's immune system is

under full siege from the virus.

There are many things one can do to get better. One of the most important things is to get plenty of bed rest. Also, drinking lots of fluids, such as water and citric juices, flush virus organisms from the body and prevent dehydration.

Barbara Prempeh, a sophomore psychology major, remembers her mother mak-

ing tea with lemon and honey to relieve her itchy throat when she had the flu.

Another thing to do is eat plenty of fruits and vegetables rich in Vitamin A, E and carotene. Although loss of appetite usually accompanies the flu, food can give the body strength to fight the virus.

While it is very important to know the things to do to recover from the flu, it is just as important to know the

things you should not do, said Geneva McCall, a nurse at the Howard University Hospital. One thing she advises to not get a flu shot while recovering from an infection because it only aggravates the situation.

"Don't drink alcohol or coffee," McCall also said. "They drain moisture from the body."

Haile Simms, a junior film

**SeeFLU page A11**

## Enhance Your Smile: Get Those Pearly Whites

By **Crystal N. Sanders**  
Contributing Writer

Although lines in the University's two-week-old Starbucks seem to grow increasingly long, the liquids keeping students toasty during the brisk walk class may be detrimental to their smiles.

According to studies conducted by the Iowa Center For Cosmetic Dentistry in Cedar Rapids, IA, the leading cause of teeth discoloration is proteins normally found in coffee.

Mark Taydim, a senior physics major, agrees. "About two years ago, I started drinking coffee heavily and I can tell the difference," he said.

Not only does coffee stain teeth, but liquids with a high acid content can also create further damage, creating cavities. However, brushing, flossing and visiting a dentist can greatly decrease the film and plaque build up on teeth or are common methods to decrease the discoloration.

So what home remedies are helpful to whiten teeth? Marie Gillis, a dental hygienist in the Department of Dental Hygiene at Howard University's College of Dentistry suggests whitening kits.

One should check with his or her dental hygienist before using the product. If used properly, the whitening process will not affect your tooth structure or enamel.

The American Dental Association (ADA) approved the



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

**Sheteka Ross, practices oral hygiene everyday.**

Crest White Strips sold in grocery stores for \$44.99, kits such as the Colgate Simply White Clear Whitening Gel for \$14.99 and the Natural White 5-Minute Tooth Whitening System for \$11.99.

Old-fashioned home remedies such as gargling with salt water for 10 seconds everyday before brushing, occasionally brushing with baking soda powder, or simply flossing with dental floss also aids in tarter prevention.

Cosmetic and laser tooth bleaching provide quick results, but this may be a costly method to whiten teeth.

Crest toothpaste seems to be the most popular tarter control brand among many Howard students.

"I prefer to use Crest with

Scope, mainly because it's a popular brand," said Carlita Martin, a sophomore who's major is undecided.

Many people are not sure if there is a difference between the different brands.

"I haven't really seen or felt a difference between Crest or Colgate, but I prefer Colgate because of the taste," said Lovita Bryant a communications sophomore.

Henry Diloranzo, an orthodontist from the Ft. Washington Orthodontics and Hygiene Center in Fort Washington, MD, said there is a difference in toothpaste brands.

"Even though many contain some of the same ingredients, oftentimes patients can be aller-

**See TEETH page A11**

## Student Spotlight, Gerard James

By **Hilltop Staff Writer**

Perseverance and hard work is by all means not foreign to Gerard James, 21, a senior health management major at Howard University. James has diligently strived to remain active on campus and has been involved in various activities and organizations.

During his sophomore and junior year, James, who is from the U.S. Virgin Islands, managed Howard's volleyball team and still helps out in his free time. James was also an active member of the Caribbean Student Association for two years.

As James approaches his final semester at Howard, he gives words of inspiration to his fellow peers.

"I encourage all college students to stay abreast and ahead of everything, always remain three steps ahead of the game by studying and retaining focus," James said.

James knows that hard work is the key to success. In a field that deems proper health care an important factor in life, James chose to study health management because he'd like to see everyone healthy and nourished.

James describes himself as a very caring person and feels healthcare is a way to help others. A proud stu-



Photo courtesy of Gerard James

**Gerard James is a senior at Howard.**

dent, James says he chose this University because it was a legacy.

"All my family attended this school, I heard about Howard since elementary school."

James will continue his education in the fall of 2003 at Howard University's School of Dentistry. Currently employed at Howard University Hospital, he has received much experience in healthcare. He is also interning at the D.C. Department of Health where he is working with healthcare professionals on the Community Voices Collaborating Project dealing with dental health, a project that urges the com-

munity to manage and take care of their dental health. James credits his awareness of healthcare quality to his internships and Howard University.

"The most important thing I've learned about my major is that quality care is a lot more important than manage care," he said. James urges people to invest more in healthcare because health is a necessity.

Overall, James hopes that his contributions and hard work to health are helpful and lucrative to others. With much dedication to the field of healthcare, James plans to reach his goal of helping others through quality service.



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# NEWS

didn't really tell us what it was about," she said.

"Normally the test is supposed to be used to show where you are, what your weaknesses are and what areas you need to improve but Howard wants to use it to hinder our progression.

One reason the mandatory ERI tests may have been implemented is because Howard has a 60 percent passing rate for nursing students taking the N-CLEX.

Howard's rate is lower than schools like Hampton, which has a 100 percent rating and Montgomery Community College in Maryland which has a 68 percent passage rate.

According to Saint-Hilaire

students are not be taught the proper information and therefore are unprepared for the N-CLEX.

Students wrote a letter to Academics Dean Pedro Lecca, Dorothy Powell, and the ERI Committee requesting a forum for students to voice concerns. Administration granted a 9 am forum for students, thirty minutes before the test.

Lecca says the testing is not to hinder student but to enhance their performance on the N-CLEX.

"I have asked Dorothy Powell, doctor and Associate Dean for Nursing, to meet with the students to resolve this issue and report back to me, he said.

"Be assured, that I am fully aware of the situation and involved in its resolution."

Junior nursing major and class secretary Deanna Barrett says students are not against the test they are against not being able to continue in the nursing program if they fail.

"My major problem with the test is the fact they just dropped it on us at this stage," she said.

"The seniors are not taking this test because they refuse to sign the contract. If I had known about this freshman year it would have affected my decision to come to Howard University.

## VERBAL from page A1

Thumps" and "Don Juan" performance. Ray said Verbal Armageddon officials wanted a certain "vibe" for the rap contest and hiring Holley-Martin and Burney was a "bad decision."

"The judges thought we let it happen due to favoritism," said Holley-Martin. "I was kind of disappointed about being let go. I've been to every Verbal Armageddon since I've been here. It seemed like a rash and unjust decision, but I don't have any grudges toward anyone."

Holley-Martin was recently asked to come back as a host, but declined to return to

the rap contest. However, she said she still has respect for the event and will be there to support the remaining artists.

For the past two rounds, one of the audience's favorites artist has been NWT's Cephas Thornton also known as, "C-No". Due to the controversy, "C-No" is now pulling out of the competition in support of his NWT family.

"I don't agree with the Verbal Armageddon staff. I feel like I'd be lowering myself by being apart of it," C-No said. He also added that if he didn't have many plans for the future, this situation would have hit him much harder."

C-No says NWT is crucial

to Verbal Armageddon's sales, status, and success.

Ford agrees and says that NWT is essential to Verbal Armageddon.

In lieu of the events, NWT will have their own free concert in late November to combat the situation.

In the past, several Verbal Armageddon winners have been NWT affiliated.

"They've basically communicated to us that they don't want us to be a part of their event," Ford said. "We really feel smacked in the face."

Nelson Bennett, Verbal Armageddon Coordinator says he will offer no comment regarding the situation.

## FRENCHIE from page A1

While in Hollywood, Frenchie will be vying for the competitions grand prize; a recording contract worth \$1 million.

The show, which quickly became one of the most success-

ful programs in FOX's history, has given nationwide exposure to contestants who were once unknowns. Khaleef Chiles, another Howard student, advanced to show's top 30, and has since received offers from several major record companies. Taping for the Hollywood

auditions will begin in late December or early January. In the meantime, Frenchie will be back on campus and preparing herself for the next round.

The show will begin airing in the summer of 2003.

Davis could not be contacted at the time of press.

## CONYERS from page A4

Committee never brought the bill to the floor Conyers and his co-writers plan to reintroduce the

bill in the next Congressional session.

Conyers is a representative to keep track of in the coming 107th Congress elections.

Not only has he become one of the most powerful Democrats in congress, he has played an influential role in the shaping of black history.

## TEETH from page A10

gic to the whitening and sodium fluoride."

Bad breath, another factor in oral care can be avoided. Proper tongue cleaning is important. A tongue scraper can elimi-

nate an additional 60% of waste and odor causing bacteria found in the mouth simply by brushing the tongue and gums. It also removes plaque and volatile sulfur compounds.

Maintaining excellent oral hygiene is the key for those ultra-white teeth. Students who rely

heavily on tea, coffee, fruit juices and candy should cut back to reduce discoloration and the formation of cavities. Always remember that proper oral health care comes from brushing, flossing and eating properly.

## FLU from page A10

production major, said that when he has the flu, he tries to avoid people because it is contagious.

There are also vaccinations given for the flu virus. However, it is most effective to get the shot at the beginning of flu season.

If one becomes infected,

there is medicine to help speed up the recovery process. Cheryl Freeman, a pharmacist at Howard University Student Pharmacy, said Zithromax is the medicine students receive when they visit the Student Health Center.

"It's a five day regimen," Freeman said. "Two tablets on the first day, and one daily

for four days."

In the last days of the flu period, the body has started to produce the antibodies needed to destroy the virus. Strength slowly comes back, fever disappears and coughing diminishes. Although most people are well enough to go to work at this point, fatigue can linger for weeks afterward.

## ANC from page A1

worked with the Caucus as program director for the 40-year anniversary of the Freedom Riders

District government officials, departments, and agencies often consider the advice of the Commissioner in theory. Commissioners are grouped into Commissions. Each of the eight wards of the city has between three and six Commissions.

D. Edward Farrar is Houston's opponent in the race for Ward 1B 05.

Farrar was unavailable for contact at the time of press.

Sinclair Skinner, ANC Commissioner Ward 1B06, who is up for re-election, supports Houston's run for ANC Commissioner in the adjacent

ward.

"I am confident that Houston has the experience and personality that can bridge the gap between campus population and community," Skinner said.

As a full-time student and HUSA chief of staff, Houston admits he has a lot to juggle.

Houston credits his effective time management and prioritizing skills as the benchmark for his success.

"I don't spend major time on minor things," Houston said. "I make day to day goals, then weekly goals, then monthly goals, which eventually lead to making short term and long term goals."

Constituent Brett Jackson, who resides on 16th Street, said Houston has his vote.

"He's very driven; he took the time to meet me twice," Jackson

said.

Cara Brown, a sophomore international business major and fellow constituent, also said she would vote Houston.

"I've seen Jarvis in action and I like the results," Brown said. "He's a powerful leader and he's a great people person. I think he's the best person for the job."

Houston has plans of the running for a Congressional Representative in the state of Illinois in future. The young public servant is motivated by the Helen Keller quotation, "I would rather be blind without sight than to have sight without vision."

The ANC elections will take place on November 5. The voting location for 1B05 is Garnet-Patterson Junior High School Auditorium located at Vermont Avenue and V Street NW.

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# Life & Style

## 'Truth About Charlie's' Director and Actress Confess

By Enoch Tims III  
Contributing Writer

Over the recent years, foreign cinema has been celebrated for its creative ingenuity, masterful story telling, and its refreshing earnestness. The adrenaline of "Amores Perros" coupled with the preposterous but appropriate editing of "Run Lola Run" and the boldness of "Shoot the Piano Player" are representative of an international potpourri that's existence is mutating the cinematic aesthetic.

The old values are going the way of the Macarena, and finally American audiences will be able to hear themselves think long enough to acknowledge the beat of a new drummer.

Is this critical acclaim of foreign cinema a natural backlash to the current formulaic

tendencies of Hollywood's decision-makers? Of course, and no apologies are necessary.

Fortunately Jonathan Demme, with his muse, Thandie Newton, have once again resurfaced, the latest in a new wave of American filmmakers to offer a sort of mainstream-creed to the movement of filmmakers such as Paul Thomas Anderson ("Boogie Nights") and Wes Anderson ("The Royal Tenenbaums").

His new film, "The Truth About Charlie," though definitely more a part of established Hollywood than other films of the aforementioned movement, is no less entertaining. In fact, Demme feels his movie to be homage to and acknowledgement of the need for progress in film techniques.

"Though I do aspire to mainstream success," Demme said, "I did not see the need to

add to the gore, shoot-outs, and explosions that plague Hollywood today."

"The Truth About Charlie" is a film that offers a surprisingly unique take on a classic film, the Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn romantic thriller, "Charade." Viewers expecting to see a rehash of the old "Charade" script will be, fortunately, disappointed. "Sure, we did base our script on this classic movie, but we wanted to do an altogether new thing," Demme said.

And as luck would have it, Demme had recently been the viewer of the aforementioned film, "Shoot the Piano Player," and was wholly impressed with the technique of his French counterparts.

"The French New Wave in film is doing wonderful things in cinema," Demme added, "and so I wanted to incorporate

those elements in this film."

Elements aside, the director also needed the right leading lady to bring his ambitious new film to life. Thandie Newton, with whom Demme had worked previously in the film "Beloved," proved to be another inspiration in the development of this film. Though a rising star herself who Demme thinks will gain a "body of work comparable to the likes of Meryl Streep and Robert Deniro," Newton jumped at the chance to work on such a unique film with an old friend.

"I trust in Jonathan completely, so it wasn't exactly a hard decision. I am always looking for quality scripts and Jonathan happened to have one that I could definitely appreciate," Newton said. "Besides, with such a great cast, who wouldn't want to work on

this film?"

Newton is indeed part of a rather diverse and international cast whose chemistry seemed to jump off the screen. Mark Wahlberg, Lisa Gaye Hamilton, Ted Levine, Christine Boisson, Tim Robbins, and Joong-Hoon Park collectively prove to be a testament to the uniqueness of this ensemble film.

"It is often hard to find roles in Hollywood today," Newton explained, "and that fact is most likely due to the lack of imagination by a lot of established Hollywood." Fortunately, Jonathan's mind works differently than most and he wanted a movie that represented a global society.

"I even wanted the soundtrack to be representative of this global community we live in," Demme said. "That is why I used African, French, Gypsy, Spanish, and other various

forms of music."

With "The Truth About Charlie" being such an innovative use of celluloid, it is clear that both Demme and Newton will have long and exceptional careers. Perhaps these two will find themselves paired again, but until then, expect to see Newton in the upcoming films, "Shade" and "Mission Impossible 3."

Mr. Demme, on the other hand, will be working with actress Lisa Gaye Hamilton on a documentary about the life of actress Beah Richards and continuing to shepherd in a new wave for American cinema by mentoring a host of talented rookie filmmakers. Perhaps these two will be the energizing force Hollywood needs in order to make the leap into new cinematic territory.

## Frida Kahlo Comes to Life On The Big Screen

By Josef Sawyer  
Campus and Online Editor

There are few movies that can take an artist's body of work and bring it to life without distorting the original vision. "Frida," a Julie Taymor film, dissects the life and relationship of two famous Mexican painters Frida Kahlo (Selma Hayek) and Diego Rivera (Alfred Molina).

Taymor also directed Titus, the Broadway production of "The Lion King" and "The Green Bird."

Hayek's acting casts rays of radiance in a film that has dark overtones.

"Frida," is not only a documentation of the tumultuous life of both painters, but and examination of the sexual aspects of their relationship, which is unmarked territory to the average moviegoer.

Although the lead roles are played by good but not so well known actors, the film still

makes room for bigwigs. Edward Norton plays the minor role of John Rockefeller's son Nelson. Antonio Banderas, who starred alongside Hayek in Desperado, plays David Siqueiros, one of Rivera's rivals in the art world. Ashley Judd plays Tina Modotti, a famous Italian photographer.

The role of Leon Trotsky, who is on the run from Russian dictator Joseph Stalin, is played by two-time Oscar-winner Geoffrey Rush. All these characters are important but they are not the movie's focal point.

Valeria Golino plays the minor role of Lupe Marin, Rivera's first wife with whom he had two children. Golino is both an antagonist and protagonist in the sense that she is jealous of Frida, but she also loves Rivera.

Molina's chubby physique and ferocious appetite casts realism to his character, an overweight painter with fetish-

es for alcohol, communism and women.

The film starts at the end and flashes back to Frida as a beautiful girl with a promising future. Suddenly, her life was changed by a terrible streetcar accident and she was forced to find her purpose in life.

The film goes tit-for-tat with the emotional highs and lows spread evenly, leaving viewers with a sense of what will happen next. The plot is fluid, with almost no filler scenes. "Frida" is smooth, sexy, entertaining and comedic.

The movie is primarily set in rural Mexico, which is appropriate considering the film aims at an accurate portrayal of Kahlo's life.

Taymor masterfully portrays Frida's life as more than one of broken bones and broken hearts that manifests itself in dysfunctional paintings.

The best part of the film is the aestheticism Taymor uses to recreate famous paintings of



Photo courtesy of Miramax films

"Frida," a movie on the life of Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo, opens today.

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Taymor not only reconstructs the events surrounding the paintings but there are moments in the film where the camera freezes on exactly what Frida sees and shows how that idea was translated into a

famous painting.

The only downside of the film is that the characters and the circumstances that surround them are so intriguing that each could easily be taken and made into a separate movie.

It's sad when the movie ends but be assured that after seeing the film you will never see a Frida Kahlo or Diego Rivera painting in the same light. The movie opens in Washington on Friday.

## Athletic Jerseys and Fitted Hats: The New Trend

By Ugochukwu O. Egolum  
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Five years ago, when Mase and Puffy were really hot, it was cool to wear glittering, shiny suits. But who wears them anymore?

Today nobody really wears pumas with fat laces, big gold jewelry, Champs Sport hoodies, gortque Timberlands, Hi-tech boots and army fatigues. Rather, our generation, just as others before us did, has found new ways for us to express ourselves through what we wear.

Hip-hop fashion today, is made up of athletic jerseys and fitted hats.

Wearing jerseys is not a new trend. Indeed as sophomore Jason Pugh, recalls, "I've been wearing jerseys since middle school." What's new, however, is the manner and reasons why people wear jerseys today.



Photo by Melanie Nesbitt

Athletic jerseys and fitted caps are a trend among college students.

"Initially people wore jerseys in support of their team or players they liked, but now it's worn simply as fashion," Pugh said.

He wasn't the only one who shared that view. Other students feel, now, more people just wear

jerseys for the sake of wearing one.

Lisa Graves, an employee in Susan's Fashion store on Georgia Avenue sees a lot of people imitating what they see on television. "People only wear jerseys

because they're trying to emulate the rappers who wear them in their videos," Graves said.

Hip-hop artist Big Boi of Outkast claimed in a recent article in XXL magazine that he was the one who started the whole jersey craze. He is not the only one who lays claim to having started the craze; another down south rapper and president of SoSo Def Records- Jermaine Dupri was quoted in a recent Milwaukee Journal article as having said that he kicked off the whole jersey craze.

Since the early '90s, the world of jerseys has evolved significantly. Today a jersey means more than what it used to.

Pugh noted there are three categories of jerseys: replicas, authentic and retro. The replicas are normal prints. The same company manufactures the authentic as the professional leagues

and the retro are team jerseys from the years past.

According to Pugh, the in-thing right now is to wear the retros. A retro could cost between \$350-\$500.

While the jerseys look good, sophomore engineering major Andrew Barbner feels a fitted baseball cap will complete the ensemble. "If you got the jersey, you gotta get the hat to match," he said.

The style transcends the gender line as well. Female students like Kameshia Llewellyn, a junior political science major, feels jerseys are wearing jerseys and taking the trend even further.

"The thing for ladies to do is to wear the jersey dresses," she said as she waited on a custom made Detroit Pistons jersey dress. She plans to wear her dress with the matching fitted hat and the red, white and blue Converse

shoes.

While jerseys may be the latest trend, many students are growing bored with it.

"There's nothing wrong with wearing jerseys, but everyone has them and it's just too much, that's why I don't wear them," says Barbner.

Others think the style is watered down, and would like the style to go back to the days when they were more exclusive.

Jerseys and fitted hats are in and perhaps will be for a while, and while the style maybe getting old to some people, people like Pugh don't see the trend going anywhere for a while.

"Jerseys are going to be around for a while simply because of the amount of money people are spending on them, but they're not going to be for everyone."

### From KILLER MIKE B1

pattern, Killer spit, "My words are diamonds dug out a mine/Spit 'em/polish/look how they shine." Comparing Killer Mike's jagged flow is a hard task. His lyrical content displays his rough upbringing in Atlanta's Adamsville community, but his raw delivery is in a league of its own.

That versatility is the same attribute that caught the eye of

Outkast and is now catching the eye of rappers such as Jay-Z.

"I just finished working with Jay-Z for a song on his upcoming album (The Gift and The Curse)," Killer Mike said. "I wrote that verse in my two-way on the way to the studio." Killer Mike has long possessed the confidence to be a force in the hip-hop industry. In his childhood days, he grew up admiring hip-hop pioneers such as Run-DMC, Whoodini,

and the 2 Live Crew. The golden age of rap music influenced him enough to start free styling against any and everyone that dared to compete.

Killer Mike became known as a vicious battle rapper in Atlanta's underground hip-hop scene, and word of his skills spread like fire.

"I met Big [Big Boi from Outkast] right around the time Outkast's first album came out," said Killer Mike. "We were

able to link up a few years later and make this thing happen."

So far, Killer Mike appears to be off to a solid start for nationwide appeal. Killer Mike's invite to this year's Homecoming was a welcome edition to a predominantly southern-flavored Yardfest.

Killer Mike proclaimed his love for Atlanta in front of thousands of spectators.

"I'm from the home of the brave," announced Killer Mike.

Several members in the crowd who recognized him started dancing and stomping to his lyrics and beats. Those who did not recognize him bopped their heads in acceptance of his bouncy first single off of "Monster" entitled "AKshon (yeah!)." Thinking outside the box and staying true to his self has allowed Killer Mike to make it this far. He's assured that even if he was not rapping, he would

be an achiever.

"I'm a hustler and I knew I was going to make it. I was going to be writing, owning stores, or something in this [rap] game."

No matter how much success Killer Mike runs into, knowing the importance of being humble is apparent through his persona.

I'm killer, and that's all I can be."



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# EDITORIALS



## Uprising in School of Nursing

Imagine making it through your first two years of college successfully, and finding out in your junior year that you may not be able to continue in your school. This scenario has become a reality for students in Howard's School of Nursing. Nursing students are coalescing in hopes of defeating the implementation of a new test that would decide if they can or cannot continue in the school of nursing.

The controversy over the exam arises from the fact that students were not informed that there would be a mandatory, "pass it or get kicked out" test when they were first accepted into the nursing program. For this reason, they believe it is unfair for the University to implement such a test. We agree.

Because of low test scores in the School of Nursing, the test was designed as a way to "weed out" those students that could pose a threat to the school's accreditation. This method is somewhat questionable in itself in that failing students in their junior year is not a means of raising the bar for a school. Perhaps a more effective method would be looking into better programs for the school to provide the link that is obviously missing from the curriculum.

The crux of the issue, however, is that consistency should be maintained in ALL schools at Howard University. Requirements such as a mandatory test for juniors should be delineated beforehand to each student that is accepted. It should be a part of the scheme just as classes are. Juniors in the school of nursing went through two years of studies oblivious to the fact that an exam of this magnitude would be the determination of whether or not they would graduate from the school of nursing. No one likes surprises that could jeopardize his or her future. And more importantly, no one likes to be intimidated. The very nature of this test is intimidating - it was unannounced, unexpected, and flat out unfair.

**Our View: Requirements for students should remain the same from freshman year through graduation.**

## Death Penalty 'Iffy' in Maryland

Members of the Howard community and elsewhere around the Washington metro area have been breathing easier since the arrest of two suspects in the sniper shootings. However, just when we thought it was over, more controversy has surfaced. Debate over what the punishment should be if the suspects are convicted has arisen.

Prosecutors want to seek the death penalty for John Allen Mohammed and John Malvo. Since six of the ten victims killed in the sniper shootings were killed in Maryland, it seems that Maryland would be first in line for trying the case. However, Maryland has only executed three people since the re-instatement of the death penalty. Currently, there is a moratorium on the

death penalty in the state of Maryland because of accusations of death sentencing being linked to race.

Virginia, on the other hand, has executed over eighty and is second only to

to be tried in Maryland, the moratorium in Maryland should be released.

It is utterly wrong to lift the moratorium to make an exception in this case. If the purpose of the moratorium is to see if the death penalty is racially based, to release it for this instance would simply be perpetuating the stereotype. After all, the suspects are Black men. The initial purpose of the moratorium would be disregarded.

Simply stated, laws should be upheld. If the state of Maryland chose to freeze the death penalty for whatever reason, this action cannot be in effect or not in effect on a case-by-case basis. No matter what the circumstances, consistency is key in the legal process.

**Our View: We should not pick and choose when we want to enforce laws.**

Texas. Furthermore, the minimum age for capital punishment is sixteen in Virginia and eighteen in Maryland. This fact has immense implications for the case since one of the suspects, John Lee Malvo, is only seventeen years old.

Many people feel that since the suspects are likely

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## Race Not a Factor in New York Governor Race

These days, election campaigning, debates, mud-slinging, and journalistic commentaries are ever-present in our society. In New York, however, the governor's race has sparked more debate than usual. Governor candidate H. Carl McCall is a Black man who has been criticized by members of the African-American community for not using the race card in his campaign for governor.

Many people argue that race absolutely has to be an issue, because McCall has the capability to serve as a voice for the African-American community. However McCall has chosen not to use his race as a means to gain the support of Black New Yorkers.

McCall should be commended and not criticized for not using his race as a part of

his platform. We should realize that race is not the only thing that Black candidates have to offer in the pursuance of political office. Though it is comfort-

not necessarily with their race. Black people should realize that in order to truly progress and effect change, we must not always use race to determine who we will or will not vote for.

We should try paying attention to candidates' positions on major issues such as abortion, gun control, education-funding, tax spending, and other issues that affect our daily lives. Believe it or not, a Black man may or may not be the one to effect positive change for the Black community. Perhaps then we can base our opinions off of something more significant than the color of the candidate's skin. We are so much more than our color...that fact alone makes us the colorful people that we are.

**Our View: Black candidates have more going for themselves than race.**

ing to be able to identify with our politicians in terms of race, it is important to differentiate between identification and dependence.

To identify with a candidate is not necessarily to expect that candidate to be a puppet for our community. In the world of politics, politicians have agendas that correlate with their party affiliation, and

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# PERSPECTIVES

## Confessions of A Neo-Soul Addict

Paris McCoy

It has been a little over a week since I saw her live but the memory still stands fresh in my mind.

The evening started with the soulful sounds of Fertile Ground. After Fertile Ground anointed the stage with urban world jazz, reggae, soul, hip hop, poetry, and other world rhythms, the crowd was ready for Baduizm.

As Badu strolled onto the stage, she walked over to a table set with incense, tea, and candles and set her mood. The acts of lighting candles on stage and burning incense while trying to understand her creator knew her all incorporated into what she would like to call "Baduizm".

What is Baduizm? Baduizm is an experience, an emotion, a feeling. 'Badu is her name, 'izm' is what you smoke - it gets you high. 'Baduizm' is designed to get you high through pure music, energy, and soul.

Later, adding a stool and a microphone, Badu set the auditorium on fire with her voice, live band, comic relief, intense political lyrics, and most of all her comfortable musical mood.

As I watched her throughout the show, Badu conveyed messages and themes to me as

she displayed her talent. One of the themes was change. Badu implied that if you aren't ready for change, then you aren't ready for life. She took off layers of clothes on stage, which symbolized change at any moment and the release from daily constraints. Just when I thought that she could surprise me no more, she utilized the stage as an extension of herself and danced a fifteen-minute dance expression.

"When I am on stage I feel one with the stage. I am confident, no insecurities. I am comfortable being on stage because it brings out the best in me. The stage and I have oneness, a relationship," Badu said.

I couldn't agree more.

As she performed song after song, she opened herself to me, she sang to me, she reminded me, she invited me, she witnessed to me, she encouraged me, she shared with me, in more ways than one she was me - she was many people. She sang hits from her freshman album Baduizm and gave new meaning to them. She intoned tracks from her latest album Mamma's Gun such as "Orange Moon" and "Green Eyes" which were both poignant performances for the audience and Badu. She blessed the audience with her latest hit "Love of My Life," off

the Brown Sugar soundtrack, which easily reminded me of the love of my life, music.

"Through music, I think we can learn a lot each song comes from an experience," Badu said.

After the show, Badu took the time to converse with Howard alumni and students in a very intimate setting. Even though we were not, her personal environment made me feel as though we were alone. With everyone wide eyed and waiting, we sat around her on the floor among colorful blankets and pillows, candles and incense were lit, lights were turned off, and the conversation began to flow. The dialogue ranged from subjects like Pan-Africanism, self-image, and art to womanhood, motherhood, and purpose, just to name a few. We received a truly rare experience in that we were able to share personal experiences, ideas, and stories with the wonderful artist in a setting reminiscent of a wisdom sharing conversation in an African village.

I asked my friend what she thought of the show. With an obvious wonder and a strong face of reflection, she lightly spoke while hanging on to her sentiments and said, "She was so exhilarating. I already enjoy her music, but hearing her live intensified her music and tal-



ents by one hundred percent. She was wonderful."

She confirmed what I was thinking.

I will never forget the night I witnessed music in its purest,

most enchanting form. Giving all who was there something to remember. Erykah Badu gave an outstanding performance. Sharing her talents on stage and then herself off stage, Ms.

Badu created an atmosphere that was sincerely inviting. Simply stated, Badu is a true renaissance woman.

## I Motivated My Peers

Nell C. Bradley

On October 24- 25 I woke up at 6 a.m. with no help from my alarm clock, like a young child that had been waiting to unwrap presents on Christmas day. I did not wake up that early because of another fire alarm in my dorm...I woke up for the Communications Job Fair.

On the previous day, I went to Howard Copy to retrieve several copies of resumes and to the Beauty Supply store to get loads of panty hose that were a buck each. I felt very prepared and I was ready for the job fair.

When I reached Blackburn, I felt as if my dreams of becoming successful would happen instantly. I work for Carol Dudley, the coordinator of the job fair, so I had the opportunity to see the determined faces of my peers and the intimidating faces of recruiters at the different booths.

Because I was working, I was unable to go into the job fair immediately. However, it gave me a chance to watch my peers as they entered and exited the job fair. I noticed that many would enter into the job fair with their heads high, manifesting confidence, and exit rolling their eyes while talking on a cell phone to a friend saying, "I cannot believe these people".

Then, a few would come up to me with their horror stories. Through their ranting and raving over not being the right classification, not having enough experience, getting their resume critiqued, and talking to people that were not in charge of hiring, I tried my best to be a motivational icon. Unfortunately, it soon turned into an Iyanla Vanzant inspirational session that I was not equipped for.

Eventually, I made my way into the job fair jungle. Because of the reviews from my peers I was not the same

overly energized and confident person that I was in the morning. I browsed around a few times before I actually went in and spoke to recruiters.

I noticed that a few companies such as the National Basketball Association (NBA) and MTV did not show up because of the recent sniper incidents, which resulted in AOL Time Warner and Atlantic Records being this year's winner for the longest line.

In addition, there was no representation from film companies, law firms, speech pathologists, or public relations firms.

And, I noticed that many of the recruiters were seeking juniors and seniors. Therefore, being a sophomore public relations major, I had two strikes against me. Although, I was slightly discouraged, I talked to several recruiters and came up with the conclusion that things need to change with the job fair and with the students.

Being that Howard University's School of Communications is seeking convergence through the different media outlets, it would only make sense to have some representation from each major so that students can have a hands-on approach to this idea.

In addition, the University should let perspective recruiters know that there will be broadcast news majors that want to do print journalism or that there might be public relations majors that are interested in careers in radio. Because, even though technology is growing through communication, job opportunities are continually decreasing. Students need to do just about anything that deals with communication - from working a microphone to being the person that speaks in front of it.

However, we as students cannot put the entire fault of the communications job fair in the hands of the coordinator or the employers because some of the problems rest within us, the students. We as students need to understand the criteria of the position we seek, have some sort of tangible experience, proper interview etiquette, and most importantly confidence. Therefore, you cannot go to a newspaper booth such as The Houston Chronicle or The Philadelphia Inquirer applying for a print journalism internship if you have no clips. Nor, can you say you want to be a sports anchor and think the Super Bowl is an event that deals with culinary art skills.

If you do not have experience, let the employer know that you are seeking it, but remember to say it in a tactful manner. For example, try saying "I am very interested in your company and I believe that your company can help me gain much-needed experience" instead of "I have no experience, and I need a job/internship."

In addition, your resume needs to be concise because it is an opportunity to show your accomplishments in your field so try not putting your experiences at McDonald's, even if you were the head french fry person. Also, leave the high school experiences out.

Lastly, once you have your resume and some experience, you need confidence. You need to believe in yourself and let the employer know that you can become an asset to their company. And, although the University does offer a job fair, it does not have to be the only source to find employment or get an internship.

Send letters to the editor to thehilltoponline.com.

## A Male's Perspective: Pimps and Hoes at the Mecca?

Craig H. Jelks

In the October 29th edition of The Hilltop, Sherita Martin wonderfully addressed the problematic integrity at Howard; specifically, she notes how females "carry themselves" on campus. Consequently, reading her article has compelled this young black male to write.

As a third year student at the University, the provocative apparel of Howard females continues to surpass my understanding. It appears as though lack of clothing is equivalent to wearing a badge of honor. Numerous females portray the dissimulation of being raised by Hugh Hefner in their "barely

there" outfits. As a result, the notion that black women are simply sexually explicit beings is perpetuated.

With music videos continuously depreciating the value of black women, the females of Howard should be exemplary in displaying the intricate and sophisticated manner of the black female. That is, if a documentary were to be done on "The Ladies of Howard University," universities should be compelled to transfer to Howard in order to capture unique qualities of womanhood.

While dressing half-naked can acquire a male's attention, sufficient intellect is necessary in keeping it. In simpler terms,

more emphasis should be placed on the significant component of internal beauty.

However, it is understandable how a "university slut" can be produced with the numerous Howard events that exalt "video girls." To this end, the theme of this year's fashion show was complete trash. Any respectable woman should have either not attended, or walked out upon observing the overt disrespect of the black female. Such an appalling event should never be replicated at Howard University. From this male's perspective, Howard has undoubtedly upheld the title of being the "REAL HU" — HOE UNIVERSITY.

## Don't Give Coach K All the Credit

Erica T. Day

This is in response to Bernard Murray's story about strength and conditioning coach Keith Comeforo and how the success of the women's cross-country team is credited to his strength and conditioning program.

There has definitely been a noticeable improvement in the football team's stamina and maybe the basketball team does have a little more energy than before, but is it fair to give Coach K the credit for the performance of all

Howard teams?

As a member of the track team who has competed in three cross-country meets this season, I don't recall ever working out with Coach K or ever seeing him at one of our practices. I'm not trying to discredit Coach K, but I don't think that it is fair to overlook the hard work and dedication of the cross-country teams and head coach Michael Merritt.

There was a great layout on Coach Petty describing his plans for the rest of the season, and I think that a layout on Coach Merritt is long over

due. It would be nice to see an article talking about the dedication, hard work and strategy of Coach Merritt, and his ability to juggle the men's and women's track teams all at once while training a champion cross-country team.

Personally, I think that Coach K has done an amazing job with the football and basketball teams, and deserves the credit for their performance, but it should also be given wherever it is due. The credit for the success of the cross-country teams should be given to Coach Merritt.

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